

2575463

First 4 Care Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is owned and operated by a private company. It provides care and support for up to two children with learning disabilities. The home offers short- to long-term care, depending on the needs of the child.

The manager registered in December 2020 and is suitably qualified.

The home now operates under a new responsible individual.

Inspection date: 20 July 2022

This monitoring visit

On 30 May 2022, Ofsted completed a monitoring visit following concerns about other children's homes connected to this provider. The inspectors found significant shortfalls relating to the protection of children, safer recruitment, the induction of new staff, their training and development, and management oversight.

Due to the significant failings within the children's homes connected to the provider, Ofsted served a restriction of accommodation notice on all of the homes. This visit confirmed that no new children have been accommodated at this home since the last inspection.

This visit was carried out to assess the provider's progress in meeting the one compliance notice issued relating to safer recruitment.

Since the inspection and subsequent compliance notice, the registered manager has taken steps to ensure that agency staff are appropriately vetted. The details of checks and findings are clearly recorded. Copies of relevant identification documents, DBS checks and references are on file.

The registered manager has simplified the paperwork to ensure effective oversight of checks. The one sheet point of reference enables easy oversight of what checks have been completed, the dates and outcomes. The sheets are signed by the registered manager. This demonstrates improved oversight.

The registered manager and responsible individual have made the decision to stop using agency staff at this time. However, agency staff used in the last 6 months have been vetted and the details retained.

The provider has recruited two new permanent staff, which is enabling manager to cover the waking night shifts previously covered by agency workers. New staff have been appropriately vetted and there is clear evidence of all checks undertaken on file.

In summary, this visit confirmed that the compliance notice under regulation 32 has been met.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
08/03/2022	Full	Outstanding

Information about this inspection

The purpose of this visit was to monitor the action taken and the progress made by the children's home since its last Ofsted inspection.

This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2575463

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: First 4 Care Ltd

Registered provider address: 16 St. Wilfrid's Road, Bessacarr, Doncaster DN4 6AA

Responsible individual: James McCabe

Registered manager: Marley Higton

Inspector

Matt Reed, Her Majesty's Inspector, Social Care

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