

2576346

Achieving For Children Community Interest Company

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This privately run children's home provides care and accommodation for up to five children with social and emotional difficulties.

The home and the manager registered in September 2020. The first child was admitted to the home on 16 November 2020.

This children's home was judged inadequate at the full inspection on 23 August 2021. At that inspection two children were living at the home. The same two children continued to live at the home at the time of this monitoring visit.

The setting was restricted from admitting any additional children to the home on 26 August 2021.

Inspection date: 28 September 2021

This monitoring visit

This visit was carried out to assess the progress made in meeting the requirements and recommendations of the full inspection.

The two children who were living at the home at the time of the full inspection continue to live at the home. There has been no change to the staff team since the last inspection.

Action has been taken to address the requirements and recommendations made at the full inspection. Consequently, good progress has been made and the requirements and recommendations have been met. No additional requirements or recommendations were made at this visit.

Leaders and managers accept the shortfalls identified at the full inspection and have offered a full explanation and apology to both children living at the home. Leaders and managers have implemented an effective action plan which has improved the quality of care provided to children.

Management oversight has improved. The responsible individual provides additional important support and guidance to staff during the two days per week when the registered manager is away from the setting. The responsible individual is an experienced practitioner. Both the responsible individual and the deputy manager were present throughout this visit.

Practice relating to risk assessments has improved. The inspector found that updated risk assessments are easily accessible to all staff members. Risk assessments are regularly reviewed and reflect improved case recording by staff. Staff spoken to during this visit evidenced a thorough understanding of the individual risks relating to both children living at the home.

The home's statement of purpose has been updated. It now accurately reflects the range of children's needs that the home will consider when making decisions regarding new admissions. This provides greater clarity to placing authorities.

The home environment is safer. Leaders and managers have introduced additional waking night support staff for children and reduced the use of agency staff. This provides more consistency for children.

The training programme for staff is more suited to meet the needs of children in their care. The specialist training identified at the full inspection has been completed. Staff confirmed that they feel more confident and able to meet the individual needs of the children in their care.

Leaders and managers have supplemented the learning from training with revised guidance for staff to support children when they go missing from the home. Staff now understand the procedure and provide support to children when they return home after being missing from the home. This support includes the provision of an independent return to care interview that offers children an important alternative source of support, when required.

The home's risk assessment of the local community has been updated. It now specifically addresses the potential risk posed by gangs and child sexual exploitation in the local area. A local police officer continues to visit the home on a regular basis to speak with staff and build relationships with children. This helps to promote a good safeguarding culture at the home.

Ofsted now receives prompt and detailed notifications of serious incidents. This helps the regulator to maintain effective oversight of the setting.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
24/08/2021	Full	Inadequate

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: 2576346

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Achieving For Children Community Interest Company

Registered provider address: 42 York Street, Twickenham TW1 3BW

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Registered manager: Hannah Phillips

Inspector

Barnaby Dowell, Social Care Inspector

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