

2592846

Registered provider: Laska Care and Education Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is owned and run by a private organisation and provides care for up to two children with social and emotional difficulties.

The manager has been registered with Ofsted since October 2020. She manages both this and another of the provider's homes.

Inspection date: 20 March 2024

Date of last inspection: 15 November 2023

Judgement at last inspection: requires improvement to be good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Information about this inspection

At these inspections, the inspector evaluated:

- the care of children
- the safety of children
- the effectiveness of leaders and managers.

The inspector has looked closely at the experiences and progress of children, using the social care common inspection framework. This assurance inspection was carried out under The Care Standards Act 2000 to assess the effectiveness of the service, how it meets the core functions of the service as set out in legislation, and to consider how well it complies with The Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards'.

Findings from the inspection

We did not identify any serious or widespread concerns in relation to the care or protection of children at this assurance inspection.

There have not been any children living in this home since August 2023. There are currently no staff in place so children would not be able to move in. The requirements and recommendations raised at the full inspection in November 2023 have not been reviewed. This is because there is no evidence to say that they have been met.

One further recommendation has been raised during this visit. This is because there is no development plan in place for the home. This means that there is nothing in place to indicate what actions are needed to effectively develop that home. This does not help the home move forward in achieving the provider's aims and objectives.

Maintenance work has been left and not repaired in a timely manner and the decoration is tired in parts of the home. In one of the children's bedrooms there are marks on the walls caused by damage. The previous staff office is now a child's bedroom. In this room there is no mattress on the bed frame, and office furniture remains in there. Furthermore, there is a large unsightly brown patch on the bathroom ceiling. These maintenance issues make the home look uncared for and does not provide homely environment for children to live in.

All requirements raised at the last inspection have been restated.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
15/11/2023	Full	Requires improvement to be good
12/05/2021	Full	Good

What does the children's home need to do to improve?

Statutory requirements

This section sets out the actions that the registered person must take to meet The Care Standards Act 2000, The Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards'. The registered person must comply within the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
The protection of children standard is that children are protected from harm and enabled to keep themselves safe. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure—that staff— assess whether each child is at risk of harm, taking into account information in the child's relevant plans, and, if necessary, make arrangements to reduce the risk of any harm to the child; help each child to understand how to keep safe; understand the roles and responsibilities in relation to protecting children that are assigned to them by the registered person; take effective action whenever there is a serious concern about a child's welfare; and are familiar with, and act in accordance with, the home's child protection policies. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(a)(i)(ii)(v)(vi)(vii)) This requirement has been restated.	20 April 2024
The leadership and management standard is that the registered person enables, inspires and leads a culture in relation to the children's home that— helps children aspire to fulfil their potential; and promotes their welfare. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to—	20 April 2024

understand the impact that the quality of care provided in the home is having on the progress and experiences of each child and use this understanding to inform the development of the quality of care provided in the home. use monitoring and review systems to make continuous improvements in the quality of care provided in the home. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(f)(h)) In particular, the registered person must ensure consistent oversight of all records, and ensure that monitoring and reviewing systems are effective. This requirement has been restated.	
The health and well-being standard is that— the health and well-being needs of children are met; children receive advice, services and support in relation to their health and well-being. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that staff help each child to— understand the child’s health and well-being needs and the options that are available in relation to the child’s health and well-being, in a way that is appropriate to the child’s age and understanding; take part in activities, and attend any appointments, for the purpose of meeting the child’s health and well-being needs; and that each child has access to such dental, medical, nursing, psychiatric and psychological advice, treatment and other services as the child may require. (Regulation 10 (1)(a)(b) (2)(a)(i)(ii)(iii)(c)) This requirement has been restated.	20 April 2024
The care planning standard is that children— receive effectively planned care in or through the children’s home; and	20 April 2024

have a positive experience of arriving at or moving on from the home. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that arrangements are in place to— manage and review the placement of each child in the home; and plan for, and help, each child to prepare to leave the home or to move into adult care in a way that is consistent with arrangements agreed with the child's placing authority; and that each child's relevant plans are followed. (Regulation 14 (1)(a)(b) (2)(b)(ii)(iii)(c)) In particular, the registered person must ensure that they work collaboratively with other professional and share updated information regarding children's well-being and care planning. This requirement has been restated.	
The registered person must recruit staff using recruitment procedures that are designed to ensure children's safety. The registered person may only— employ an individual to work at the children's home if the individual satisfies the requirements in paragraph (3). The requirements are that— the individual has the appropriate experience, qualification and skills for the work that the individual is to perform. For the purposes of paragraph (3)(b), an individual who works in the home in a care role has the appropriate qualification if, by the relevant date, the individual has attained— the Level 3 Diploma for Residential Childcare (England) ("the Level 3 Diploma"); or	20 April 2024

a qualification which the registered person considers to be equivalent to the Level 3 Diploma. The relevant date is— in the case of an individual who starts working in a care role in a home after 1st April 2014, the date which falls 2 years after the date on which the individual started working in a care role in a home; or in the case of an individual who was working in a care role in a home on 1st April 2014, 1st April 2016. (Regulation 32 (1) (2)(a)(b) (3)(b) (4)(a)(b) (5)(a)(b)) This requirement has been restated.	
The registered person must ensure that all employees— receive practice-related supervision by a person with appropriate experience. (Regulation 33 (4)(b)) In particular, the registered person must ensure that staff members receive supervision from a person who is independent and free from any possible conflict of interest, in order to promote children’s welfare. This requirement has been restated.	20 April 2024

Recommendations

- The registered person should take actions to ensure that the children’s home meet all children’s basic care needs and have personal effects that support the home to be homely and create a domestic impression. (‘Guide to the Children’s Homes Regulations, including the quality standards’, page 15, paragraph 3.7)
- The registered person should ensure that when they having children living in the home that they undertake a review of the quality of care provided to children (‘Guide to the Children’s Homes Regulations, including the quality standards’, page 64, paragraph 15.2)
- The registered person should ensure that there is a development plan in place that identifies any actions, and maintenance work required for the next 6 months within the home, and how those actions will be addressed. The plan should be used as a tool for continuous improvement in the home. (‘Guide to the Children’s Homes Regulations, including the quality standards’, page 65, paragraph 15.4)

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2592846

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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