

2592846

Registered provider: Laska Care and Education Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common assessment framework

Information about this children's home

The home is run by a private company. It provides care for up to two children who may experience social and emotional difficulties. The home has had no children living in it since August 2023.

The manager registered with Ofsted in October 2020. The manager is also registered to manage another children's home for the provider.

Inspection date: 28 January 2025

This monitoring visit

On 1 May 2024, Ofsted issued a notice of decision to vary the conditions of registration of the home. The home was not in operation, and there were no plans to admit children to the home. The variation to the conditions was that the provider must inform Ofsted of their intention to admit children three months before a child commences living at the home.

The provider has advised that they wish to accommodate children again. Therefore, this monitoring visit was undertaken to establish whether the provider has made suitable arrangements for the home to resume operating.

The provider has invested in refurbishing the home. The environment is warm and nurturing. The home has been decorated and furnished to a suitable standard and is ready to be personalised once children move in.

Leaders and managers have sufficient staff to offer care to one child and an ongoing recruitment process is in place to fill the vacant posts. Leaders and managers were unable to demonstrate the assessments and actions carried out to ensure that all aspects for safer staff recruitment are followed to protect children effectively.

At the point of closure, external monitoring visits have been maintained. The provider has suitable resources in place to resume offering care to children in line with the home's statement of purpose. The provider is ready for children to move in.

At the point that the home closed, inspectors had not evaluated improvements to meet the requirements made at the last full inspection. Those requirements are restated and one further requirement has been raised.

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 persons 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 persons must comply with 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 the home's day-to-day care is arranged and delivered so as to keep each child safe and to protect each child effectively from harm. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(b)) In particular, to ensure that all concerns, including any from recruitment checks for current or future staff, are fully considered and safeguards put in place.	25 April 2025
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	25 April 2024

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 was made at the last inspection and is restated.	
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— 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 was made at the last inspection and is restated.	25 April 2024
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.	25 April 2024

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 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) (3)(b) (4)(a)(b) (5)(a)(b)) This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.	
The care planning standard is that children— receive effectively planned care in or through the children’s home; and 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.	25 April 2024

that each child's relevant plans are followed. (Regulation 14 (1)(a)(b) (2)(b)(ii)(iii)(c)) In particular, the registered persons must ensure that they work collaboratively with other professional and share updated information regarding children's well-being and care planning. This requirement was made at the last inspection and is 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 was made at the last inspection and is restated.	25 April 2024

Recommendations

- The registered person should ensure that they take actions to make sure that the children's home meets 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 and 3.9)
- The registered person should ensure that when they have 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 six months within the home, and how those actions will be addressed. The review process and the resulting report 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)

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

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Provision sub-type: Children's home

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