

2592943

Halliwel Homes

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This is a private children's home registered to provide care and accommodation for up to eight children. The home has an attached registered school.

There is no registered manager in post.

Inspection date: 26 January 2021

This monitoring visit

The home was registered with Ofsted in August 2020. This monitoring visit follows on from three previous visits. The first visit was carried out on 24 November 2020, after Ofsted received concerns about the quality of care and the children's safety. Following this visit, a decision was made to issue the provider with a notice that restricted them from admitting any further children to the home. This was put in place for up to 12 weeks. This notice was issued because Ofsted found concerns around staff sufficiency. Ofsted was of the belief that should any new children be admitted to the home this would place the existing children and any new children at risk of harm.

A second monitoring visit was carried out on 15 December 2020. This visit was made to review the provider's compliance with the restriction notice. The provider was found to have complied with the restriction of accommodation notice and had not admitted any new children. Since the previous visit, in November, one child had left the home, leaving four children living there.

During the December visit, the inspectors found that managers had not addressed the regulatory breaches identified at the previous monitoring visit. There were serious shortfalls in children's risk assessments and ongoing shortfalls in safeguarding. Following this visit, a decision was made to issue a compliance notice under regulation 12 of the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015.

A third monitoring visit was carried out on 13 January 2021. The purpose of this monitoring visit was to check that the provider was still complying with the notice of restriction and to check that all actions set out in the compliance notice dated 17 December 2020 had been met.

Inspectors found that the provider had continued to comply with the restriction of accommodation notice. However, managers had failed to ensure that all the steps set out in the compliance notice had been met. As a result, a further compliance notice dated 15 January 2021 was issued.

The purpose of this monitoring visit was to check that the provider is still complying with the notice of restriction and to check that all actions set out in the compliance notice dated 15 January 2021 have been met. Since the last monitoring visit a further child has left the home. This now leaves three children living at the home.

Inspectors gathered their evidence in several different ways, including talking to the manager and the children's social workers and visiting the home with the specific purpose of speaking to the children. The manager also provided electronic documents for the inspectors to review.

Inspectors found that the provider has continued to comply with the restriction of accommodation notice and has now taken enough action to meet the compliance notice.

Children talked positively about the home and said that they feel confident to raise a concern and any worries are taken seriously by the staff and managers.

Managers have reviewed the children's risk assessments to ensure that they now provide the relevant and up-to-date guidance for staff. Risk management strategies are now regularly monitored and reviewed to reflect the changing needs and development of children.

Staff have completed further training and there is an ongoing programme of training for all staff. Staff now have a better understanding of their roles and responsibilities in meeting children's needs and in keeping children safe.

The notice restricting accommodation remains in place.

The Regulation 14 requirement raised at the visit on 24 November 2020 has not been reviewed and therefore remains in place.

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

Statutory Requirements

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

Requirement	Due date
The care planning standard is that children— receive effectively planned care in or through the children's home. (Regulation 14(1)(a)) This specifically relates to staff from the home completing individualised care plans.	28 February 2021

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: 2592943

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Halliwell Homes

Registered provider address: The Curtis Partnership, 1 Tape Street, Cheadle, Stoke-on-Trent, ST10 1BB

Responsible individual: Paul Bliss

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspectors

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