

2611027

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is privately owned and provides care for up to eight children. The home has an attached registered school. The inspector only inspected the social care provision.

The manager registered with Ofsted on 15 September 2021.

Inspection date: 4 January 2023

This monitoring visit

On 12 October 2022, Ofsted carried out an assurance inspection and judged there to be serious and/or widespread concerns in relation to the care or protection of children. A notice restricting accommodation and a compliance notice under regulation 12 (the protection of children standard) was issued.

On 28 November 2022, Ofsted carried out a monitoring visit. The compliance notice was met; however, the notice of restricting accommodation remained in place.

The purpose of this visit was to monitor the notice restricting accommodation. No new children have moved into the home, and, at the time of the visit, six children were living in the home.

The home has experienced a period of relative stability. There has been a reduction of incidents in the home, which has given children a more harmonious place to live. This settled period has afforded children the opportunity to further develop their relationships with each other and staff.

Some action has been taken to improve staff's bedrooms so that they provide staff with a more appropriate place to sleep. The registered manager has plans to further develop the home to ensure that it is increasingly homely and well maintained.

There continues to be several staff vacancies, which means that agency staff are required to work in the home. However, there has been a reduction in the use of agency staff since the last visit, with two consistent members of agency staff now being used in the home. The recruitment of a permanent member of staff, who is due to start in post this month, will further reduce the reliance on using agency staff. The registered manager is committed to recruiting more staff before considering any new children moving in.

Except for the deputy managers and registered manager, none of the staff working in the home have the required qualification. This reflects the inexperience of the current staff team. Most staff have signed up to complete this qualification and those who have not will do so once they have concluded their induction period. The registered manager is monitoring staff's progress in achieving the qualification and is considering ways in which to support them with this.

Following this visit, the notice restricting accommodation has been lifted and is no longer in place.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
09/08/2022	Full	Requires improvement to be good
25/01/2022	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(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 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— ensure that staff have the experience, qualifications and skills to meet the needs of each child. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(c)) This specifically relates to ensuring that staff have completed the required qualification.	1 April 2023

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: 2611027

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Responsible individual: Paul Bliss

Registered manager: Elizabeth Rowley

Inspector

Paul Robinson, Social Care Inspector

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