

2611027

Registered provider: Halliwell Homes

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This is a private children's home that 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: 28 November 2022

This monitoring visit

This monitoring visit took place to monitor the notice restricting accommodation served on 14 October 2022 and to monitor the action taken by leaders and managers in response to the compliance notice served on 17 October 2022. This notice was served in relation to regulation 12, the protection of children standard.

The home has met the compliance notice under regulation 12 and the notice restricting accommodation has been adhered to. No children have moved into the home since the restriction was imposed.

Risk assessments have been improved. Staff have clear guidance on how to respond to children who may run out of the home, what action they should take to reduce such risks and how to respond to them. The outside of the home has now been made secure, with gates added to the property. This has had a positive impact and stopped children from running out of the house into the road.

Relationships between the children living in the home have improved. There has been a reduction in the number of incidents of children harming each other and the severity of incidents. When incidents do happen, the staff and registered manager consult with children afterwards and offer them access to an independent advocate.

In addition, staff support children to help them to develop their understanding of risks and their behaviours. This is done in a child-friendly way, using activities and resources to help children learn. These sessions are consistently carried out and are of good quality.

The registered manager has good oversight of the home and monitoring and review systems have improved. Her overview of incidents and debriefs with staff and children allow her to improve the quality of care in the home.

Since the last inspection, agency staff who work in the home have completed the home's induction programme. They are provided with supervision and have undertaken training to develop their knowledge. However, a large proportion of staff do not have the required level 3 qualification. They have been enrolled to undertake the required qualification. Most staff have completed the home's therapeutic model of care training and all staff will have completed this by January 2023.

Children receive continuity of care. There has been a reduction in the use of agency staff, with three consistent agency staff now being used in the home. The home has sufficient staff to care for the six children living in the home. However, the home is not adequality staffed should further children move into the home. Recruitment of new staff is ongoing.

The home has been redecorated and children's bedrooms have been personalised to each child's individual taste. Some rooms still require attention, including the rooms where staff sleep. These currently look uninviting and lack a homely feel.

The notice restricting accommodation remains 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 the manager ensuring that staff are trained in the home's therapeutic model of care.	4 January 2023

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that the design of the home provides staff who sleep in the home overnight with appropriate accommodation and facilities to do so. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 17, paragraph 3.26)

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

Lisa O'Donovan, Social Care Inspector

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