

2629335

Registered provider: Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home registered in March 2021 and is owned by a local authority. It provides care for up to two children with social, emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

One child is currently living at the home.

The registered manager resigned in December 2021 and a new manager is in the process of registering with Ofsted.

Inspection date: 17 February 2022

This monitoring visit

The visit was carried out to monitor the compliance notices that Ofsted issued following a monitoring visit on 11 January 2022. At that time, the inspector found serious concerns in relation to the child's welfare and safety, and the leadership and management of the home. Ofsted issued two compliance notices.

This monitoring visit included the review of documents and discussions with the manager, deputy manager, the child, staff and other relevant people.

The compliance notice issued regarding the protection of children, required the provider to ensure that staff are able to identify risks to children's safety and take effective action to manage and reduce these. Staff told the inspector that they now have sufficient time to read updates, risk assessments and care plans prior to their shift. Records also demonstrate that communication between staff has improved. This helps to better protect the child from harm.

The child has well-documented and highly individualised risk assessments and care management plans to meet her needs. All plans and records are now updated regularly and reflect the child's changing needs and progress.

Improvements have been made to the staffing arrangements at the home. The provider has taken steps to recruit staff to the vacant positions. There has also been a significant reduction in the use of agency staff since January 2022. This helps to ensure that the child receives consistent care.

Staff are now better supported in their role and benefit from reflective supervision sessions that guide their practice. Furthermore, the provider has improved induction plans for agency staff. This ensures that these staff are aware of the expectations of the role and the needs of the child.

The manager and deputy manager are no longer required to work shifts in the home. This helps to ensure that they have the necessary time to lead, manage and monitor the home effectively. Improvements have been made to the manager's monitoring systems, with additional checks and audits undertaken on a weekly basis. This has helped to secure an improvement to the overall quality of the service.

In summary, Ofsted is satisfied that steps have been taken to address the shortfalls found at the last inspection. Consequently, both compliance notices have been met by the provider.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date
20/07/2021

Inspection type
Full

Inspection judgement
Good

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: 2629335

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Registered provider address: Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council, Riverside House, Main Street, Rotherham S60 1AE

Responsible individual: Rebecca Wall

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Ceri Evans, social care inspector

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