

2641767

Registered provider: Real Care Support Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is operated by a private provider. The home is registered to provide care for up to five children.

At the time of the inspection, the registration of this home was suspended, therefore there were no children living there.

The registered manager post is vacant.

Inspection date: 7 June 2022

This monitoring visit

This children's home was judged inadequate at the full inspection on 26 April 2022. Following the full inspection, a decision was made to issue a notice of suspension, due to serious safeguarding concerns. The notice was issued on 27 April 2022.

During this monitoring visit, the inspector found that the home had complied with the conditions of the suspension notice.

There have been changes to the management structure of the home. The previously appointed acting manager has now resigned, as well as one of the deputy managers.

The provider is working towards recruiting a new manager. Although a candidate has been identified, the provider has not yet completed the necessary recruitment checks. Therefore, the home remains without a suitable manager.

The staff team is currently dispersed and working for a recruitment agency, owned by the provider. Staff have continued to be offered supervision and all staff have now completed the outstanding mandatory training. The responsible individual

recognised the importance of the staff team having time to return to the home and work with the new manager prior to any children moving into the home.

A new electronic recording system has been implemented and staff have received training on how to use this. Leaders and managers are confident that this system will ensure improvements to the quality and timeliness of recording in the home.

All repairs to the home have now been completed and all relevant health and safety property checks are being carried out on a regular basis.

Following the inspection, a case review was held. The period of suspension will continue until the provider has identified a suitably experienced and qualified manager.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
26/04/2022	Full	Inadequate
01/02/2022	Full	Inadequate

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 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))	19 July 2022
A person may only manage a children's home if— the person is of integrity and good character; having regard to the size of the home, its statement of purpose, and the number and needs (including any needs arising from any disability) of the children— the person has the appropriate experience, qualification and skills to manage the home effectively and lead the care of children; and the person is physically and mentally fit to manage the home; and full and satisfactory information is available in relation to the person in respect of each of the matters in Schedule 2. (Regulation 28 (1)(a)(b)(i)(ii)(c))	19 July 2022
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; or if an individual is employed by a person other than the registered person to work at the home in a position in which	19 July 2022

the individual may have regular contact with children, allow that individual to work at the home, if the individual satisfies the requirements in paragraph (3). The requirements are that— the individual is of integrity and good character; the individual has the appropriate experience, qualification and skills for the work that the individual is to perform; the individual is mentally and physically fit for the purposes of the work that the individual is to perform; and full and satisfactory information is available in relation to the individual in respect of each of the matters in Schedule 2. (Regulation 31 (1) (2)(a)(b) (3)(a)(b)(c)(d))	
The registered person must ensure that all employees— undertake appropriate continuing professional development; receive practice-related supervision by a person with appropriate experience; and have their performance and fitness to perform their roles appraised at least once every year. (Regulation 33 (4)(a)(b))	19 July 2022

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that any sanctions used to address poor behaviour should be restorative in nature to help children recognise the impact of their behaviour. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 46, paragraph 9.38)

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: 2641767

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Real Care Support Limited

Registered provider address: 1st Floor, West Wing, Derby House, Lytham Road, Fulwood, Preston, Lancashire PR2 8JE

Responsible individual: Peter Barron

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Emma Thornton, Social Care Inspector

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