

2694962

Registered provider: Prosperity Children's Services

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is owned and operated by a private provider. It offers care for up to two children who experience social and emotional difficulties.

At the time of this visit, two children were being cared for in the home.

There has been no registered manager since 25 November 2024. An acting manager is in post. They submitted their application to register with Ofsted on 29 November 2024.

Inspection date: 19 February 2025

This monitoring visit

This visit was carried out to investigate specific concerns reported to Ofsted by the home.

There has been a small fire in a child's bedroom caused by a battery-operated device. The incident was accidental. Children and staff know the emergency procedures in the home and evacuated the home promptly. Staff called the fire service, and they sought medical attention for a child's minor injury.

Staff took immediate and effective action to ensure that there were no further fire risks in the home. Staff ensured that the child's bedroom was cleaned, and items were replaced the same day. Staff took the opportunity to teach the involved child about fire safety and how to reduce risk. Staff carry out daily room checks to ensure that children's bedrooms remain safe places to be.

Leaders and managers ensure that there is a current fire risk assessment for the home and that risks are assessed by a competent and qualified professional. During

the visit, it was unclear if one of the recommendations from the previous assessment had been met. The responsible individual responded promptly to rectify this.

There have been difficulties in the relationship between the children who live in the home. The risk assessment for managing the children's relationship is robust and current. Staff follow the strategies in the risk assessment to ensure that the home environment is positive. Staff manage incidents well, and the relationship between the children has improved.

Leaders and managers respond to allegations promptly. They take immediate action to safeguard children. Investigations are thorough, and outcomes are proportionate and well evidenced. However, some staff have not completed the training with respect to allegations that has been stipulated by managers. A requirement has been made in relation to this.

The interim manager is registered at another home in the organisation. There is a deputy manager in post to support the manager. The responsible individual is leaving the organisation; however, the organisation has recruited to the post and there is a plan for transition between senior leaders. Leaders and managers are experienced and qualified for their roles.

The inspector reviewed one recommendation from the last inspection, as it had direct relevance to the focus of this visit. However, the requirement and other recommendations were not reviewed and have therefore been restated.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
30/04/2024	Full	Good
19/07/2023	Full	Requires improvement to be good
18/01/2023	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, The 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 with 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 receive training that assists them to manage risks safely, such as allegations training.	30 April 2025
The registered person must complete a review of the quality of care provided for children ("a quality of care review") at least once every 6 months. In order to complete a quality of care review the registered person must establish and maintain a system for monitoring, reviewing and evaluating— the quality of care provided for children. the feedback and opinions of children about the children's home, its facilities and the quality of care they receive in it; and any actions that the registered person considers necessary in order to improve or maintain the quality of care provided for children.	30 April 2025

After completing a quality of care review, the registered person must produce a written report about the quality of care review and the actions which the registered person intends to take as a result of the quality of care review ("the quality of care review report").

The registered person must—

supply to HMCI a copy of the quality of care review report within 28 days of the date on which the quality of care review is completed; and

make a copy of the quality of care review report available on request to a placing authority, if the placing authority is not the parent of a child accommodated in the home.

The system referred to in paragraph (2) must provide for ascertaining and considering the opinions of children, their parents, placing authorities and staff.

(Regulation 45 (1) (2)(a)(b)(c) (3) (4)(a)(b) (5))

This requirement has been restated.

Recommendations

- The registered person should ensure that consent is obtained from children's placing authority or parents for the use of any monitoring systems, including door sensors. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 16, paragraph 3.16)
- The registered person should ensure that any risks to children are considered in consultation with stakeholders and local services to inform the location risk assessment. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 64, paragraph 15.1)
- The registered person should ensure that staff are proactive in looking after children's day-to-day health and well-being, specifically in relation to their diet. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 34, paragraph 7.10)

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: 2694962

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Prosperity Children's Services

Registered provider address: Unit 8 Venus House, Altham Business Park,
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Responsible individual: Claire Holtby

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Sarah Huntbatch, Social Care Inspector

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