

2705518

Compass Children's Homes Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is registered to provide care and accommodation for six children with emotional, social and behavioural difficulties. There were no children living at the home at the time of inspection.

The manager's post is currently vacant.

Inspection date: 14 June 2024

This monitoring visit

No children have moved into the home since the last inspection, and the one child who has lived at the home since it was registered moved out shortly after the last inspection.

The provider has temporarily closed the home and currently has no plans to accommodate any children within at least the next three months.

The staff and manager have all been redeployed to other homes in the organisation. Therefore, there are currently no staff to meet any children's needs and the home remains non-operational. A condition of registration to reflect this closure will take effect shortly.

The provider has undertaken a review of the service following the last inspection and plans for improvement have been identified. However, the provider has not been able to demonstrate that the requirements from the last inspection have been met. Therefore, these are restated.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date

06/03/2024

Inspection type

Full

Inspection judgement

Requires improvement to
be 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 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 staff— take effective action whenever there is a serious concern about a child's welfare. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(a)(vi)) In particular, the registered person must respond effectively when a child goes missing from care. This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.	15 July 2024
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— use monitoring and review systems to make continuous improvements in the quality of care provided in the home. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(h)) This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.	15 July 2024
The care planning standard is that children—	15 July 2024

receive effectively planned care in or through the children's home; and

have a positive experience of arriving at or moving on from the home. (Regulation 14 (1)(a)(b))

In particular, the registered person must ensure that the needs of each child are assessed prior to their placement and that staff are equipped with the training and knowledge that they require to meet their needs. The registered person must also ensure that staff have clear and effectively planned strategies to support children throughout their time in the home.

This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.

Recommendations

- For children's homes to be nurturing and supportive environments that meet the needs of their children, they will, in most cases, be homely, domestic environments. Children's homes must comply with relevant health and safety legislations (alarms, food hygiene etc.); however in doing so, homes should seek as far as possible to maintain a domestic rather than 'institutional' impression. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 15, paragraph 3.9)
- All children must have access to appropriate advocacy support, and where possible this should be provided by a person that the child chooses. Looked-after children are entitled to an independent advocate to advise them and ensure they have the support needed to express their views, wishes and feelings about their care and lives. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 23, paragraph 4.16)
- Staff should be familiar with the home's policies on record keeping and understand the importance of careful, objective, and clear recording. Staff should record information on individual children in a non-stigmatising way that distinguishes between fact, opinion and third-party information. Information about the child must always be recorded in a way that will be helpful to the child. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 62, paragraph 14.4)

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: 2705518

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Compass Children's Homes Limited

Registered provider address: 3 Rayns Way, Syston, Leicester LE7 1PF

Responsible individual: Rachel Ashton

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Joanna Heller, Social Care Regulatory Inspection Manager

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