

2730003

Registered provider: Bradford Children and Families Trust

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is operated by Bradford Children and Families Trust on behalf of Bradford Metropolitan District Council.

It provides care for up to 4 children who experience social and emotional difficulties. Since the last inspection, 3 children have lived at the home.

There has been no registered manager since September 2023. An interim manager has been in post since October 2025 and has applied to register with Ofsted.

At the time of this visit, 3 children were living at the home. The inspector spoke with 2 of them.

Inspection date: 4 February 2026

This monitoring visit

This visit was completed to monitor the action taken to meet the compliance notice and requirements issued at the previous monitoring visit. It also considered any further progress made.

At this visit, no serious concerns were identified in relation to the care and protection of children.

The interim manager has made further improvements and taken on board feedback from the last inspection. They have met the steps within the compliance notice and all the previous requirements.

The interim manager has taken action in response to practice concerns about staff. Leaders have put in place systems of increased oversight to support and track the quality of care provided to the children.

Staff have acted to keep children safe. This includes when children go missing. When one child went missing, staff followed them and conducted local searches. They liaised with key partners to locate the child. In one case, the child's missing protocol was not adhered to in full. This did not result in any harm to the child.

Staff have improved their curiosity, knowledge, and skills. They have attended more frequent meetings and extra training. Leaders have recognised the importance of practice development. Children have enjoyed increased stability as a result.

The interim manager has improved the leadership and oversight within the home. They followed a comprehensive action plan following the previous visit. The interim manager has completed monthly audits which have helped to identify areas for improvement.

The interim manager has shown resilience and encouragement to children and staff. Staff feel well supported and there is a more positive atmosphere within the home.

The interim manager has worked hard to improve the quality of children's records. The use of different methods of recording has caused some confusion for staff. The interim manager recognises that some gaps remain and they are working to address these.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
15/04/2025	Full	Good
20/08/2024	Full	Inadequate
14/05/2024	Full	Inadequate
11/07/2023	Full	Requires improvement to be good

What does the children's home need to do to improve?

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that all staff are familiar with the home's policies on record-keeping and understand the importance of careful, objective and clear recording. In particular, records should be updated, organised and stored to allow access to them when needed and to support staff's understanding of the child's needs. ('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: 2730003

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Bradford Children and Families Trust

Registered provider address: Sir Henry Mitchell House (5th Floor), 4 Manchester Road, BRADFORD, West Yorkshire, BD5 0QL

Responsible individual: Patsy Burrows

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Sam Saxby-Brown, Social Care Regulatory Inspector

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