

2737107

Registered provider: Young Options Group Ltd

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home provides medium- and long-term care for up to two children aged between 11 and 18 years who have experienced, or are at risk of, child sexual exploitation and/or child criminal exploitation.

At the time of this inspection, no children were living at the home.

The home and the manager registered with Ofsted on 4 September 2023.

Inspection date: 7 November 2023

This monitoring visit

On 21 September 2023, an assurance inspection was carried out. This was brought forward due to Ofsted receiving significant concerns and allegations in relation to the home. During the assurance inspection, the provider was issued with a notice suspending the registration of the home. This was due to ongoing external investigations, further concerns that were identified at the inspection and to prevent risk of harm should any children be moved into the home. The suspension notice prevents the provider from moving any children into the home while it is in place.

The purpose of this monitoring visit was to monitor compliance with the suspension notice and to consider the provider's response to the concerns identified at the assurance inspection.

The provider has complied with the suspension notice, as no children have moved into the home since it was issued.

The leadership team demonstrated that they have made some progress to improve their systems, processes, policies and expectations of staff. Leaders continue to

address the shortfalls identified at the assurance inspection and have submitted a detailed service improvement plan to Ofsted.

The external investigations regarding the serious concerns and allegations, which led to the assurance inspection, remain ongoing.

The requirements raised at the previous inspection were not reviewed as part of the monitoring visit. Therefore, these requirements remain.

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 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 the individual may have regular contact with children, allow that individual to work at the home, if the individual satisfies the requirements in paragraph. 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 32 (1) (2)(a)(b) (3)(a)(b)(c)(d))	3 January 2024
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))	3 January 2024

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: 2737107

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Young Options Group Ltd

Registered provider address: Astra House, The Common, Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 8RZ

Responsible individual: Lindsey Alexander

Registered manager: Joseph Laplana

Inspector

Vevene Muhammad, Social Care Inspector

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