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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 trauma.

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: 8 February 2024

This monitoring visit

On 21 September 2023, Ofsted carried out an assurance inspection in response to significant concerns and allegations raised in relation to the home. This assurance inspection identified serious concerns. To prevent risk of harm should any children be moved in to the home, Ofsted issued the provider with a notice suspending the registration of the home. This suspension notice prevents the provider from moving any children in to the home while it is in place.

This is the second monitoring visit completed since the assurance inspection. The purpose of this monitoring visit was to monitor compliance with the suspension notice and to consider the provider's response to the requirements raised at the assurance inspection.

The external investigations regarding the serious concerns and allegations, which led to the suspension of registration, remain ongoing. The provider has continued to comply with the suspension notice. No children have moved in to the home since it was issued.

The leadership team demonstrated that they have made some progress towards improving systems, processes and policies. They continue to address the shortfalls

identified at the assurance inspection and have maintained their progress based on the detailed service improvement plan submitted to Ofsted.

Improved systems to ensure the safer recruitment of non-care staff are in place. However, the system remains untested in relation to care staff who will have direct responsibility for children. Leaders have produced a new staff behaviour and code of conduct policy. This is to help to address concerns raised about the behaviour of staff.

The staff who remain working for the home have received training around child protection and keeping children safe. All managers have completed designated safeguarding lead training. They have also completed training around positive relationships and communicating with children in care.

While leaders and managers have made some improvements, it has not been possible to test these fully. Therefore, the requirements have been repeated at this inspection.

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 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 (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 32 (1) (2)(a)(b) (3)(a)(b)(c)(d)) This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.	3 March 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	3 March 2024

as to keep each child safe and to protect each child effectively from harm. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(b))

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

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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