

2737107

Registered provider: Young Options Group Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home registered with Ofsted on 4 September 2023. It provides medium and long-term care for up to two children aged between 11 and 18 who have experienced trauma.

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

The registered manager left the home in February 2024.

Inspection date: 14 June 2024

This monitoring visit

In September 2023, Ofsted was notified of significant concerns and allegations in respect of the home. In response, an assurance inspection was carried out. This inspection identified serious concerns. Ofsted issued a notice suspending the registration of the home. This prevents the provider from moving any children into the home. This suspension notice remains in place.

A safeguarding investigation in respect of the serious concerns and allegations, which resulted in the suspension of the home's registration, remains ongoing. The outcome of this investigation is not yet known.

This visit was carried out to monitor compliance with the suspension notice. The home has not provided care for children since the assurance inspection in September 2023. The provider has complied with the suspension notice.

Since the last monitoring visit, the provider has appointed a new manager and some staff.

The previous requirement regarding safe recruitment was reviewed and has been repeated at this inspection. This is because the provider has not demonstrated a suitable understanding of safer recruitment practices. They have not ensured that suitability checks for newly recruited staff meet requirements. Employment history in two of the three staff recruitment files viewed has not been sufficiently explored. Consequently, gaps have not been identified and investigated.

Since the last monitoring visit, the provider has updated the statement of purpose to reflect the temporary closure of the home. However, the statement of purpose includes details of a registered manager who has yet to take up post or apply for registration.

No children have lived in the home since the last inspection. Therefore, it has not been possible to demonstrate that the home's day-to-day care is arranged and delivered to keep each child safe. This requirement is restated.

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 (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.	8 July 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—	8 July 2024

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))	
This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.	
The registered person must— keep the statement of purpose under review and, where appropriate, revise it; and notify HMCI of any revisions and send HMCI a copy of the revised statement within 28days of the revision. (Regulation 16 (3)(a)(b))	8 July 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 Limited

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

Responsible individual: Lindsey Alexander

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

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