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Young Options Group Ltd

Monitoring visit

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 registered with Ofsted on 4 September 2023. The previous registered manager left in February 2024.

Inspection date: 15 May 2024

This monitoring visit

Ofsted carried out an assurance inspection on 21 September 2023 in response to significant concerns and allegations raised in relation to the home. This assurance inspection identified serious concerns. Ofsted subsequently 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.

Investigations in respect of the serious concerns and allegations, which resulted in the suspension of registration, remain on-going.

The purpose of this monitoring visit was to monitor compliance with the suspension notice. The inspector also reviewed the actions taken by the provider in response to the requirements raised at the assurance inspection and two previous monitoring visits.

The provider has continued to comply with the suspension notice. No children have moved into the home since it was issued. The home has not cared for children since the assurance inspection in September 2023.

Senior leaders have developed some systems which they anticipate will strengthen their ability to meet the Childrens Homes Regulations. However, the home does not

have a manager and there is only one member of staff. This is not sufficient to safely care for children.

The responsible individual is in the process of recruiting a new manager. However, suitability checks for this individual have yet to be completed. Therefore, the previous requirement regarding safe recruitment practices is repeated.

The home's statement of purpose has not been updated to reflect the current lack of manager or staff.

The provider has not been able to demonstrate that the other requirements made at the last inspection have been met, therefore these are 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, 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.	17 June 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—	17 June 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. (Regulation16 (3) (a) (b))	17 June 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: Post vacant

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