

# 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 registered with Ofsted on 4 September 2023. It 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 visit, no children were living at the home.

The previous registered manager left in February 2024. The current manager took up post in June 2024.

**Inspection date: 25 September 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 a notice suspending the registration of the home. This suspension notice prevents the provider from moving any children into the home while it is in place.

Ofsted has carried out previous monitoring visits to the home, in November 2023 and February, May, June and August 2024. The purpose of this latest visit was to monitor compliance with the suspension notice and a compliance notice served following the last visit. The compliance notice was served in respect of ensuring the safer recruitment of staff.

Since the last visit, senior leaders have improved staff recruitment practices. Systems are now in place to ensure the safer recruitment and vetting of staff. A clear employment history and the required suitability checks are now held for staff.

Greater professional curiosity is shown, and gaps in employment are identified and explored.

The manager has now applied for registration and this application is in progress.

The provider has continued to comply with the suspension notice. The home has not provided care for children since the assurance inspection in September 2023.

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

## Recent inspection history

| Inspection date          | Inspection type | Inspection judgement |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Not previously inspected |                 |                      |

## 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        |
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| <p>The protection of children standard is that children are protected from harm and enabled to keep themselves safe.</p> <p>In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure—</p> <p>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))</p> <p>This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.</p> | 4 November 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:** 1 Park Road, Hampton Wick, Kingston upon Thames KT1 4AS

**Responsible individual:** Lindsey Alexander

**Registered manager:** Post vacant

## Inspector

Joanna Heller, Regulatory Inspection Manager

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