

SC008268

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

A large private provider operates this home. This home is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to two children who have experienced childhood instability, resulting in trauma and associated complex behaviours.

The manager was registered with Ofsted on 17 June 2013. He holds a level 5 qualification in leadership and management.

Inspection date: 9 June 2020

This monitoring visit

This home was judged inadequate at the last full inspection. A monitoring visit took place on 23 April 2020. The inspection found that good progress had been made. As a result, the compliance notice issued following the full inspection was met.

The purpose of this inspection was to evaluate the provider's progress in meeting the remaining requirements that were not reviewed at the monitoring visit on 23 April 2020.

Due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, Ofsted did not physically visit the home. The inspector gathered evidence through discussions with the registered manager and responsible individual.

The inspection found that the remaining requirements were met but untested due to no children living in the home at the time of the inspection. Both the registered manager and responsible individual demonstrated an understanding of the processes needed to prevent further regulatory breaches.

The registered manager and senior managers have plans in place to support their continuing professional development. The registered manager has identified a counselling course he will be enrolling on. He will be attending regular meetings with professionals in the local areas, such as local authority officers and police. Senior managers keep up to date with relevant events and attend regional children's home

meetings at which they network with other professionals. In addition, they review new guidance and research to maintain their knowledge and inform their oversight of the management of the home.

The home is ready for children to move in. The registered manager and staff are available. They are continuing to work in other homes within the organisation until a child moves into the home.

The registered manager has reflected on how he will make sure that he reports safeguarding incidents to Ofsted and will communicate with the inspector if he is in doubt.

The registered manager and senior managers have reviewed the processes involved when needing to escalate concerns with other professionals, including those from a child's placing authority, if these professionals are not meeting a child's needs. The registered manager was able to share an example of asking for a child's care plan and explained what he would do next if he did not receive this.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
19/02/2020	Full	Inadequate
09/05/2018	Full	Good
27/06/2017	Full	Good
18/01/2017	Interim	Sustained effectiveness

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: SC008268

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Responsible individual: Vivien Snape

Registered manager: Martin Russell

Inspector

Lisa O'Donovan, social care inspector

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