

SC013553

Registered provider: Bramley Care Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home can accommodate up to eight children who require specialist support. Every child who is admitted to the home must agree to engage with the home's therapeutic services. There were no children living at the home at the time of the inspection.

On the day of the inspection, the manager's application to be registered with Ofsted was in process, and he has subsequently been registered.

Inspection date: 6 February 2025

This monitoring visit

There are no children currently living in the home and there is a three-month condition attached to the home's registration. This means that the home must inform Ofsted three months in advance of admitting children to the home. This condition was imposed because of the provider's decision to close the home for a period of time. The provider has now notified Ofsted of its intention to admit children to the home. The purpose of this visit is for Ofsted to assess its readiness to provide care for children in line with regulations and guidance.

The provider took the decision to close the home temporarily on 3 February 2024. This was to allow time to review the management arrangements for the home, recruit sufficient, suitable staff and to recruit and register a manager.

A new responsible individual took up her post in March 2024 and has since overseen the implementation of a comprehensive service development plan. A manager was appointed in December 2024 and was successful in his application to be registered with Ofsted in February 2025. He has a clear vision for the home and extensive experience of working with children.

The registered manager has recruited some staff and has a clear plan for their induction and preparation. New staff have been gaining experience and skills within the provider's other settings as part of their training. The home now has sufficient staff to care for a small number of children, while recruitment continues to build a full complement of staff that will enable the home to accommodate the number of children it is registered for.

Improvements have been made to ensure that the home is safe, secure and appealing to children. The gardens and external areas have been refreshed and maintenance work completed. The home provides a suitable environment for children and has been furnished to a good standard.

Three requirements and two recommendations made at the last inspection have not been reviewed at this visit. They will therefore remain in place and be considered as part of the next full inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
31/10/2023	Full	Good
17/05/2022	Full	Good
19/01/2022	Full	Requires improvement to be good
12/11/2019	Full	Good

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 ensure that all employees— undertake appropriate continuing professional development; receive practice-related supervision by a person with appropriate experience; and have their performance and fitness to perform their roles appraised at least once every year. (Regulation 33 4(a)(b)(c))	05 July 2025
The registered person must notify HMCI and each other relevant person without delay if— a child is involved in or subject to, or is suspected of being involved in or subject to, sexual exploitation; an incident requiring police involvement occurs in relation to a child which the registered person considers to be serious; there is an allegation of abuse against the home or a person working there; a child protection enquiry involving a child — is instigated; or concludes (in which case, the notification must include the outcome of the child protection enquiry); or there is any other incident relating to a child which the registered person considers to be serious. (Regulation 40 (4)(a)(b)(c)(d)(e))	05 July 2025
The registered person must complete a review of the quality of care provided for children ("a quality of care review") at least once every 6 months. The registered person must— supply to HMCI a copy of the quality of care review report within 28 days of the date on which the quality of care review is completed (Regulation 45 (1) 4(a))	05 July 2025

Recommendations

- The registered provider should only accept placements for children where they have fully considered the impact that the placement will have on the existing group of children. In particular, the registered manager should ensure that risks are clearly cross-referenced against the needs, risks and vulnerabilities of children already living in the home. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 56, paragraph 11.4)
- The registered provider should ensure that they hold records of the permissions that their placing authority has delegated, particularly where children are accommodated under s.20 Children Act, 1989. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', pages 30-31, paragraph 6.2)

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: SC013553

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Bramley Care Limited

Registered provider address: Malvern View, Hanbury Road, Stoke Prior,
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Responsible individual: Jodie Parker

Registered manager: Daniel Steer

Inspector

Tash Williams, Social Care Inspector

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