

SC021683

The Partnership of Care Today

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This is a partnership-run children's home providing care and accommodation for up to four children who may have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties and/or learning disabilities.

The structure of the home is two large Victorian houses joined together to form one big home. One side has been refurbished and can accommodate two children. There is one child in the home now. The other side is being refurbished and will provide care and accommodation for young people requiring semi-independent living.

The home is run by an experienced registered manager who has been employed at the home since November 2020.

Inspection date: 10 March 2021

This monitoring visit

Ofsted is aware of the challenges that COVID-19 (coronavirus) is currently posing to those we regulate. During this monitoring visit, the inspector took into consideration the impact of any measures being taken by the home to slow the spread of COVID-19. Monitoring of this home was carried out remotely.

The monitoring visit was carried out because concerns were identified in the monthly regulation 44 reports. The concerns relate to the management of risk and how the home keeps children safe.

Children are kept safe, as staff have a good understanding of their needs and their risks. The staff team also considers how the children's additional needs, such as those associated with autism spectrum disorder, impact on the children. As a result, the number of incidents in the home has significantly decreased over time.

Children have good relationships with staff. The staff team sets clear boundaries and expectations. These are consistently enforced, which helps the children to feel safe.

The staff spoke positively about the children and the progress that they make. Other professionals confirmed that children say they feel safe and like living at the home.

Children make good progress in education. The manager works in partnership with schools to determine the best way to meet children's educational needs. This includes supporting children to secure places at college so that they can continue with their education.

The requirement about education that was made at the last inspection, in February 2020, has been met. Two other requirements and the recommendation made at the same inspection were not considered during this visit, and have been carried forward. No further requirements or recommendations have been made following this visit.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
05/02/2020	Full	Good
12/09/2018	Interim	Sustained effectiveness
30/04/2018	Full	Good
17/10/2017	Interim	Sustained effectiveness

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 within the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
The positive relationships standard is that children are helped to develop, and to benefit from, relationships based on— mutual respect and trust; an understanding about acceptable behaviour; and positive responses to other children and adults. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that staff— meet each child's behavioural and emotional needs, as set out in the child's relevant plans; help each child to develop socially aware behaviour; encourage each child to take responsibility for the child's behaviour, in accordance with the child's age and understanding; help each child to develop and practise skills to resolve conflicts positively and without harm to anyone; communicate to each child expectations about the child's behaviour and ensure that the child understands those expectations in accordance with the child's age and understanding; help each child to understand, in a way that is appropriate according to the child's age and understanding, personal, sexual and social relationships, and how those relationships can be supportive or harmful; and	29 May 2020

have the skills to recognise incidents or indications of bullying and how to deal with them. (Regulation 11 (1)(a)(b)(c) (2)(a)(i)(ii)(iii)(iv)(v)(vi)(vii)(viii)(ix)(x)(xi)(xii)(xiii))	
The leadership and management standard is that the registered person enables, inspires and leads a culture in relation to the children's home that— helps children aspire to fulfil their potential; and promotes their welfare. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to— lead and manage the home in a way that is consistent with the approach and ethos, and delivers the outcomes, set out in the home's statement of purpose; ensure that staff work as a team where appropriate; ensure that staff have the experience, qualifications and skills to meet the needs of each child; ensure that the home's workforce provides continuity of care to each child; and use monitoring and review systems to make continuous improvements in the quality of care provided in the home. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(a)(b)(c)(e)(h))	29 May 2020

Recommendations

- The registered provider should ensure that case records, specifically regarding key-work sessions, are maintained, kept up to date and recorded in a way that is helpful to the child. ('Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards', page 62, paragraph 14.3)

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: SC021683

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: The Partnership of Care Today

Registered provider address: Lansdowne House, 85 Buxton Road, Stockport, Cheshire SK2 6LR

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Registered manager: Nigel Evans

Inspector

Alison Marshall, Social Care Inspector

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