

SC030677

West Berkshire Council

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is owned and run by the local authority. It provides short breaks to children and young people who have physical and/or learning disabilities. The home is registered to provide care for up to six children and young people.

The manager was registered with Ofsted in August 2020.

Inspection date: 1 December 2020

This monitoring visit

A compliance notice was issued following an assurance visit on 5 October 2020. The notice was served due to the continued failure to complete a review of the quality of care.

The inspector reviewed the action taken to address the compliance notice.

Sufficient steps have been taken to meet the requirement set out in the compliance notice. The registered manager has completed two quality of care reviews, as required by regulation, and detailed them in separate reports. These reports cover the last 12-month period.

Action taken by managers and staff has addressed the additional requirements given at the assurance visit. All requirements have been addressed.

The home has updated the staff protocol for managing COVID-19 (coronavirus). Staff have clear guidelines to follow to prevent infection and spreading the virus. This is an improvement since the last inspection in October 2020.

Children thrive from having secure and trusting relationships with staff. The staff know the children and understand their needs. Children and families receive support from skilled and qualified staff. This support improves the everyday lives of children.

Swift and appropriate action has been taken to improve the health and well-being of the children. Children's individual needs are set out in detailed placement plans. The quality of information contained in children's case records is good.

Staff now use clear risk assessments and support plans to keep children safe. Children's individual risk assessments name potential risks and hazards. This guides staff to follow clear control measures to keep children safe.

Managers have improved shift planning. This has enabled staff to deliver consistent care to the children and their families. The layout of the home is designed to meet the needs of the children and young people.

Improved monitoring systems are enabling staff to better understand the children's needs. Staff use monitoring data at regular team meetings and in staff supervision. This is having a positive impact on the quality of care and experience that children receive.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
24/02/2020	Interim	Not judged
19/06/2019	Full	Requires improvement to be good
04/12/2018	Full	Requires improvement to be good
27/02/2018	Full	Good

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: SC030677

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: West Berkshire Council

Registered provider address: Castle Gate, Love lane, Donnington, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 2JG

Responsible individual: Jane Seymour

Registered manager: Michael Garrity

Inspector

Paul Thomas, social care inspector

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