

SC033174

Registered provider: Hampshire County Council

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is operated by a local authority. It is registered to provide care for up to four children aged between 10 and 17. The maximum age on admission is 16.

The provider states that the home offers residential care with a therapeutic emphasis and multi-agency involvement to help children to recover from experiences that have left them vulnerable. There is currently a restriction of accommodation in force preventing any further children moving into the home.

The home has been without a registered manager since March 2021.

Inspection date: 1 March 2023

This monitoring visit

Since the last monitoring visit, there have been some improvements in staff practice. However, these have not yet been fully embedded in practice. Staff have been able to work with the identified needs of the child living in the home, because of the firm parameters of the child's current care plan.

Staff adhere to the behaviour and risk management strategies in place to reduce risk. Staff support the child to understand the consequences of their behaviour, and there have been no serious incidents recently.

Staff support the child to attend appointments, activities and to spend time with their family. Education attendance has slightly improved, and staff continue to advocate on their behalf. With staff encouragement, the child has also been able to engage with specialist resources to support future care planning.

Improving management oversight has enabled learning from the most recent incidents to be shared swiftly with the whole staff team. This means that staff can reflect on their decision-making when managing difficult situations.

The leadership team has committed to recruiting to fill the staff vacancies. When agency staff fall short of the expectations of their role, this is addressed promptly and effectively. Staff feel better supported, and the recent stability has reenergised staff.

The environment is calmer. Nonetheless, the ratio of staff and other constraints in the home do not provide the welcoming, family environment that would benefit other children. The newly appointed staff require a period of stability, routine and comprehensive support to enable continuing progress.

At a case review following this visit, it was confirmed that the restriction notice will be reissued.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
02/08/2022	Full	Good
26/04/2022	Full	Inadequate
26/04/2021	Full	Good
30/10/2019	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 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. A notification made under this regulation— must include details of— the matter; the other persons, bodies or organisations (if any) who or which have been notified; and any actions taken by the registered person as a result of the matter; must be made or confirmed in writing. (Regulation 40 (4)(a)(b)(c)(d)(i)(ii)(e) (5)(a)(i)(ii)(iii)(b))	31 March 2023

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: SC033174

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Hampshire County Council

Registered provider address: 3rd Floor, Elizabeth II Court North, The Castle,
Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8UG

Responsible individual: John Stacey

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Jill Sephton-Wright, Social Care Inspector

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