

SC033367

Kirklees Council

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home provides care and accommodation for up to four children or young people aged between 12 and 18 years old. It is operated by a local authority. The registered manager left the local authority in September 2018. An interim manager has been appointed. The manager has applied to Ofsted for registration at this home. She is working towards a level 5 leadership qualification and has supervisory experience gained in a residential care environment.

Inspection date: 31 January 2019

This monitoring visit

At the interim inspection on 7 November 2018, the home was judged to have declined in effectiveness. There were a number of significant breaches in regulation.

As a result, eight regulatory requirements were made. Three of the requirements were the subject of compliance notices that were served to the provider under regulations 12, 14 and 25 of the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015. A restriction of accommodation notice was also served to prevent further admission of children and young people to the home.

A monitoring visit was carried out on 19 December 2018. The provider had complied with the restriction of accommodation notice and had met the compliance notices. Due to the continued level of presenting risks, further admission to the home was not considered to be a safe option at that time. The restriction of accommodation notice remained in place.

This monitoring visit was carried out to establish if the provider has continued to comply with the restriction of accommodation notice and to assess the level of presenting risk in relation to any proposed admission to the home.

Two young people have left the home in a planned and positive manner. The

number of incidents of children and young people being missing from the home have significantly reduced in frequency and severity of risk.

Leaders and staff are working proactively with partner agencies to identify and mitigate any risks to children's and young people's safety. Staff have had opportunities for reflection on their practice and have focused on demonstrating a more consistent approach to behaviour management in the home.

The leadership team is committed to ensuring that any potential admission to the home is very carefully considered. Impact risk assessments will be completed to evaluate the compatibility of any presenting needs and risks with those of the children and young people already living at the home.

Leaders and managers have asserted a clear commitment to ensuring that when impact risk assessments indicate incompatibility and an unacceptable level of risk, children and young people will not be admitted to the home in these circumstances.

The provider has complied with the restriction of accommodation. Since the last visit to the home, the level of presenting risk has reduced considerably. The restriction of accommodation was subsequently revoked on 1 February 2019.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
07/11/2018	Interim	Declined in effectiveness
17/04/2018	Full	Good
28/11/2017	Full	Requires improvement to be good
22/02/2017	Interim	Sustained effectiveness

What does the children's home need to do to improve?

Recommendations

- For children's homes to be nurturing and supportive environments that meet the needs of their children, they will, in most cases, be homely, domestic environments. ('Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards', page 15, paragraph 3.9)

In particular, to ensure that the upstairs carpet is replaced or repaired.

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: SC033367

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Kirklees Council

Registered provider address: Civic Centre, 3 Market Street, Huddersfield HD1 2EY

Responsible individual: Elaine McShane

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Nicola Thomas: social care inspector

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