

Children's home – Monitoring visit

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This monitoring visit

At a recent full inspection of this home on 12 October 2016, serious safeguarding concerns regarding the care of young people were identified. Consequently, on 18 October 2016, the regulator served a restriction notice. This prevented any further placements being made to the home.

At this monitoring inspection, it was found that the provider has fully complied with this restriction. During this visit, it was ascertained that work was in progress to improve strategies to safeguard young people.

Information about this children's home

This children's home is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to five young people who have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties. It is owned and managed by a local authority.

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

Statutory requirements

This section sets out the actions that must be taken so that the registered person(s) meet(s) 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
Engaging with the wider system to ensure children's needs are met 5. In order to meet the quality standards, the registered person must, and must ensure that staff: (c) if the registered person considers, or staff consider, a placing authority's or a relevant person's performance or response to be inadequate in relation to their role, challenge the placing authority or the relevant person to seek to ensure that each child's needs are met in accordance with the child's relevant plans.	09/12/2016
The quality and purpose of care standard 6. In order to meet the quality and purpose of care standard, the registered person must: (2)(c) ensure that the premises used for the purposes of the home are designed and furnished so as to (i) meet the needs of each child; and (ii) enable each child to participate in the daily life of the home.	09/12/2016
The health and well-being standard 10. In order to meet the health and well-being standard, the registered person must ensure: (2)(c) that each child has access to such dental, medical, nursing, psychiatric and psychological advice, treatment and other services as the child may require.	09/12/2016

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The positive relationship standard 11. In order to meet the positive relationships standard, the registered person must ensure: (2)(a) that staff (vii) help each child to develop the understanding and skills to recognise or withdraw from a damaging, exploitative or harmful relationship; (b) that each child is encouraged to build and maintain positive relationships with others.	09/12/2016
The protection of children standard *12. In order to meet the protection of children standard, with particular reference to maintaining up-to-date risk assessments on each young person and ensuring that staff act in accordance with them, the registered person must ensure: (2)(a) that staff (i) assess whether each child is at risk of harm, taking into account information in the child's relevant plans, and if necessary, make arrangements to reduce the risk of any harm to the child.	09/12/2016
*12. In order to meet the protection of children standard, the registered person must ensure that staff: (2)(a)(ii) help each child to understand how to keep safe.	09/12/2016
The leadership and management standard *13. In order to meet the leadership and management standard, the registered person must: (2)(a) 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; (c) ensure that staff have the experience, qualifications and skills to meet the needs of each child; (f) understand the impact that the quality of care provided in the home is having on the progress and experiences of each child and use this understanding to inform the development of the	09/12/2016

quality of care provided in the home.	
Fire precautions With reference to fire precautions and meeting the regulatory reform (fire safety) order 2005, the registered person must: (2)(b) ensure that the requirements of that order and any regulations made under it, except for article 23 (duties of employees), are complied with in respect of the home.* (Regulation 25(2)(b)) In particular, the registered person must take steps to reduce the risk of fire due to young people who smoke in their bedrooms.	09/12/2016
Policies for the protection of children Before implementing, or making an amendment which the registered person considers to be substantive to the missing child policy, the registered person must: (b) have regard to any relevant local authority or police protocols on missing children. (Regulation 34(5)(b)) This is with reference to children receiving independent return home interviews after a period of missing from the home.	09/12/2016
Behaviour management policies and records The registered person must prepare and implement a policy ('the behaviour management policy') which sets out how appropriate behaviour is to be promoted in the children's home. (Regulation 35(1)(a))	09/12/2016
Independent person: visits and reports The independent person must produce a report about a visit ('the independent person's report') which sets out, in particular, the independent person's opinion as to whether: (a) children are effectively safeguarded; and (b) the conduct of the home promotes children's well-being. (Regulation 44(4)(a)(b))	09/12/2016

Information about this inspection

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