

# SC034851

Registered provider: Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

## **Information about this children's home**

This home is operated by a local authority and is registered to provide care for up to five children. The home's statement of purpose states that care is provided for children between the ages of 11 and 17 years and that most will present with varying degrees of emotional and behavioural difficulties.

The manager was registered in April 2021.

**Inspection date:** 13 March 2023

## **This monitoring visit**

Following the home's full inspection in June 2022, no children have lived in the home.

Considerable changes have taken place, which include the redecoration of the home and improvements to the outdoor spaces. Some of the rooms require finishing and the manager has engaged an external supplier to complete the renovations. The changes make the house feel looked after and a nice place for children to spend time. It is beginning to feel more homely.

Staff were dispersed to other homes operated by the same provider. They have received support to improve their practice and have completed training in readiness for the home accommodating children. There are currently two staff vacancies, but the manager has confirmed that children will be invited into the home in a planned way, so this should not affect the quality of care provided.

The manager is keen to provide a new, better home for children to live. He is enthusiastic about having children come to live at the home, and has improved systems to give more robust oversight. These systems will also allow the manager to readily identify any weakness, take action quickly and provide leadership for the home.

The requirements raised at the last inspection will be considered at the next full inspection.

## Recent inspection history

| Inspection date | Inspection type | Inspection judgement            |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 07/06/2022      | Full            | Inadequate                      |
| 21/02/2022      | Full            | Requires improvement to be good |
| 08/07/2019      | Full            | Good                            |
| 03/09/2018      | Full            | Good                            |

# 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      |
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| <p>The health and well-being standard is that—</p> <p>the health and well-being needs of children are met;</p> <p>children receive advice, services and support in relation to their health and well-being; and</p> <p>children are helped to lead healthy lifestyles.</p> <p>In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure—</p> <p>that staff help each child to—</p> <p>achieve the health and well-being outcomes that are recorded in the child's relevant plans;</p> <p>understand the child's health and well-being needs and options that are available in relation to the child's health and well-being, in a way that is appropriate to the child's age and understanding;</p> <p>take part in activities, and attend any appointments, for the purpose of meeting the child's health and well-being needs; and</p> <p>understand and develop skills to promote the child's well-being. (Regulation 10 (1)(a)(b)(c) (2)(a)(i)(ii)(iii)(iv))</p> | 7 August 2022 |
| <p>The education standard is that children make measurable progress towards achieving their educational potential and are helped to do so.</p> <p>In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure—</p> <p>that staff—</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 7 August 2022 |

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| <p>understand the barriers to learning that each child may face and take appropriate action to help the child overcome any such barriers;</p> <p>help each child to understand the importance and value of education, learning, training and employment.<br/>(Regulation 8 (1) (2)(a)(iii)(iv))</p> |               |
| <p>The registered person must ensure that within five days of the use of the measure, the registered person or the authorised person adds to the record confirmation that they have spoken to the child about the measure.<br/>(Regulation 35 (3)(c))</p>                                           | 7 August 2022 |

## 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:** SC034851

**Provision sub-type:** Children's home

**Registered provider:** Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council

**Registered provider address:** Number One Riverside, Smith Street, Rochdale  
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**Responsible individual:** Julia Hassall

**Registered manager:** Wayne Gates

## Inspector

Mark Broomhead, Regulatory Inspection Manager

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