

SC034953

Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home provides care for up to five children or young people aged 12 to 18 years. Care is provided for children and young people who need a stable placement until they can achieve independence or until their 18th birthday. The home also accommodates children and young people who are in the process of being reunited with their families or carers.

A new manager has recently been appointed to the home and is in the process of registering with Ofsted.

Inspection date: 13 August 2019

This monitoring visit

At the inspection on 10 July 2019, the home was judged inadequate. There were a number of significant breaches of regulation. These included deficiencies in following the safeguarding policies and procedures, the response to safeguarding concerns made by other professionals, and the monitoring and evaluation of incidents. This placed children and young people at risk of harm.

As a result, two compliance notices were served on the provider relating to regulations 12 and 13 of The Children's Homes Regulations 2015.

This monitoring visit was carried out to inspect the progress made in relation to the compliance notices.

The level of presenting risk identified at the full inspection has reduced. One young person who was previously missing from the home regularly has significantly reduced this behaviour and is engaging well with the staff team at the home.

The manager has taken appropriate steps to ensure that staff have refreshed their knowledge and understanding of safeguarding policies and procedures. There are

new reporting and recording mechanisms in place to ensure that any concerns or safeguarding matters are managed appropriately and evaluated swiftly by leaders of the home.

The responsible individual and manager of the home have worked with external partners to ensure that any identified concerns are recorded and shared with other professional partners. Appropriate action is taken to reduce the risk of harm to the children and young people at the home.

The provider has taken appropriate action to mitigate risks to the safety and well-being of children and young people. The compliance notices that were served in relation to regulations 12 and 13 have been met.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
10/07/2019	Full	Inadequate
04/12/2018	Full	Outstanding
17/10/2017	Full	Outstanding
09/02/2017	Interim	Improved 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, the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards'. The registered persons must comply within the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
The protection of children standard is that children are protected from harm and enabled to keep themselves safe. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that staff— 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; help each child to understand how to keep safe; have the skills to identify and act upon signs that a child is at risk of harm; take effective action whenever there is a serious concern about a child's welfare; and are familiar with, and act in accordance with, the home's child protection policies. (Regulation 12 (1)(2)(a)(i)(ii)(iii)(iv)(vi)(vii))	11/08/2019
The education standard is that children make measurable progress towards achieving their educational potential and are helped to do so. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that staff— help each child to achieve the child's education and training targets, as recorded in the child's relevant plans;	11/08/2019

understand the barriers to learning that each child may face and take appropriate action to help the child to overcome any such barriers; help each child to understand the importance and value of education, learning, training and employment; and promote opportunities for each child to learn informally. (Regulation 8 (1)(2)(a)(i)(iii)(iv)(v)) This is specifically in relation to continuing to promote school attendance for all children and providing formal and informal learning opportunities and engagement when children are not in school.	
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. (Regulation 40 (4)(a)(b)(c)(d)(i)(ii)(e))	11/08/2019
The leadership and management standard is that the registered person enables, inspires and leads a culture in relation to the children's home that— helps children aspire to fulfil their potential; and promotes their welfare. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the	11/08/2019

registered person to—

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 quality of care provided in the home;

use monitoring and review systems to make continuous improvements in the quality of care provided in the home.
(Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b)(2)(f)(h))

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: SC034953

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council

Registered provider address: Calderdale School Effectiveness Service, 2nd Floor,
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Responsible individual: Claire Brodie

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Nicola Thomas: social care inspector

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