

SC035499

East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

A local authority operates and runs this home. The home provides care for up to six children and/or young people, and its plan is for them to live in medium- to long-term residential care. The home's manager has been registered since October 2019.

Inspection date: 3 November 2020

This monitoring visit

At the assurance visit undertaken on 21 and 22 September 2020, there were serious and widespread concerns in relation to the care and protection of children. This led to four requirements. Three of these were escalated to compliance notices; these related to the protection of children, the leadership and management of the home, and the care planning standard. A notice restricting accommodation was also served on 24 September 2020.

The purpose of this visit was to monitor the progress made to meet the compliance notices. This visit identified that the provider has made improvements and all three compliance notices are met.

Since the assurance visit in September, four children have left, leaving one child living at the home. The provider has not admitted any further children.

The provider has appointed a manager from within the local authority to complete a thematic audit of the episodes of children going missing from care. They have also completed a review of the documents used by the staff and manager. This has led to the provider making improvements to a number of documents and recording processes.

Children's individualised risk assessments now detail all the potential risks and describe the actions and strategies that staff must take. Strategies to test the staff's

knowledge and understanding of these risks are explored in team meetings and during supervisions.

Staff have received training in child sexual and criminal exploitation. This gives them a greater understanding of risk management and how to keep children safe. They now also have a better understanding of the multi-agency child exploitation process.

New staff have been appointed to work at the home. This includes an agency deputy manager as well as residential staff. This means there are now adequate staff working at the home. An improved induction programme offers new staff the opportunity to learn and understand the home's policies and procedures.

Improved recording and monitoring tools provide the manager with better oversight of the staff's practice. This includes a monthly serious incident monitoring form which makes it easier to collate, monitor and identify any trends in children's behaviour.

The management team has created a new process for all new admissions to the home. This includes a detailed impact risk assessment, which has been completed retrospectively for the existing child. However, as there have been no new admissions, this is untested.

The action taken by the provider to address the steps in both the compliance and restriction notices has been sufficient.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
19/11/2019	Full	Good
05/02/2019	Full	Good
23/10/2018	Full	Inadequate
02/03/2018	Full	Good

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 assurance visit.

This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: SC035499

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Registered provider address: Room - AF97, Goole Council Offices, Church Street, Goole, East Yorkshire DN14 5BG

Responsible individual: Eoin Rush

Registered manager: Robert Bridgett

Inspector

Tina Ruffles, Social Care Inspector

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