

SC037588

Registered provider: Portsmouth City Council

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home's statement of purpose states that it provides a short-breaks service for up to six children with learning and/or physical disabilities. The home is owned and managed by the city council. The short-breaks service operates from Tuesday to Sunday. The home has been closed since November 2022.

The manager registered with Ofsted on 5 June 2024.

Inspection date: 9 October 2024

This monitoring visit

This home was judged inadequate at the full inspection on 16 November 2022. The recommendations and requirements made at the last inspection are no longer valid due to the length of time the home has been closed.

This visit took place to assess if the necessary improvements have been made to safely admit children. In addition, the inspector assessed whether all staff have received the necessary training and support to fulfil their roles and responsibilities.

The large and homely communal areas are child centred and accessible to all children. This includes an open-plan kitchen/dining room area where children can participate in activities such as baking. All bedrooms are well decorated with individual themes.

Children will have access to a range of activities, including arts and crafts and sensory play equipment. The garden is well presented, spacious and has a range of apparatus and a sensory room for children to enjoy either individually or with other children.

Processes to monitor health and safety procedures in the home have significantly improved, including those relating to fire safety.

All staff have completed the necessary training to care for the children they will be looking after. Senior staff have completed training to support them to fulfil their roles. The opportunity to work in other settings and in the community has helped staff to increase their competence, skills and knowledge. Staff said that supervision, training and communication have significantly improved.

The home now has an experienced, knowledgeable and committed registered manager. There has been effective and regular communication with the senior leadership team, and monitoring of actions required during the period of closure has been meticulous.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
16/11/2022	Full	Inadequate
26/01/2022	Full	Good
11/03/2020	Full	Outstanding
14/02/2019	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 inspection.

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

Children's home details

Unique reference number: SC037588

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Responsible individual: Sam Bushby

Registered manager: Samuel Stokes

Inspector

Jill Sephton-Wright, Social Care Inspector

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