

SC037910

Hampshire County Council

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is owned and managed by a local authority. It is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to four young people. The key theoretical model used in the home is the 'Pillars of Parenting' model. Its aim is to help children and young people recover from experiences which have rendered them vulnerable and disrupted their primary relationships. The home has been voluntarily closed since July 2018.

The manager has been registered with Ofsted since August 2008.

Inspection date: 5 December 2019

This monitoring visit

A notice of decision, requiring the registered provider to give Ofsted three months' notice of its intention to admit children, was issued on 6 September 2019. The purpose of this announced visit was to assess if the provider is in a position to open the home and admit children.

The building and grounds have been kept in good condition and all necessary health and safety certification and arrangements for checks are in place. Bedrooms are furnished and ready for children to personalise when they move in.

There are suitable policies and procedures in place, including safeguarding and behaviour management policies. The necessary insurance and premises risk assessments are also in place.

The registered manager has control of a house budget that is designed to meet the daily needs of the children.

The registered manager has a suitable, trained staff team in place. The team members are currently deployed in other local authority homes. Some staff have been recruited internally in accordance with local authority procedures. This has

meant that a second reference has not been obtained in accordance with the children's homes regulations.

There are suitable arrangements in place for independent monitoring of the service. The independent visitor has been providing Ofsted with reports during this period of closure.

Senior leaders are considering the wider residential service within the local authority. They have clear plans to change this home's function, and hence its statement of purpose. The aim is for the home to provide placements for children in crisis. It is intended that children will achieve some stability when placed in this home, while professional assessments take place to consider the most appropriate service for each individual child. These plans are advanced, but not finalised. There is clear intent not to admit children until the statement of purpose has been amended. The children's guide will be amended at the same time.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
16/05/2018	Full	Outstanding
09/10/2017	Full	Good
21/09/2016	Interim	Sustained effectiveness
30/03/2016	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, 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
The registered person may only employ an individual to work at the children's home if the individual satisfies the requirements in paragraph (3). The requirements are that full and satisfactory information is available in relation to the individual in respect of each of the matters in Schedule 2. (Regulation 32(2)(a)(3)(a)(d))	28/02/2019
The registered person must keep the statement of purpose under review and, where appropriate, revise it. (Regulation 16(3)(a))	28/02/2019

Information about this inspection

The inspector undertook a tour of the premises, held discussions with the registered manager, responsible individual and independent visitor, and examined some documentation.

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

Children's home details

Unique reference number: SC037910

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Hampshire County Council

Registered provider address: Hampshire County Council, The Castle, Winchester
SO23 8UG

Responsible individual: John Stacey

Registered manager: Tamara Pearcey

Inspector

Keith Riley, social care inspector

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