

SC040191

Registered provider: Break

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is run by a registered charity. The home provides long-term care for up to four children who have had traumatic backgrounds and may have experienced neglect and/or emotional abuse.

The registered manager left in August 2021.

Inspection date: 11 February 2022

This monitoring visit

The home is currently subject to a condition that requires the provider to give Ofsted three months' notice before admitting any children. The visit was undertaken following the provider's request to Ofsted to lift the condition. The provider originally requested that the condition be imposed following Ofsted serving a notice of suspension of registration on 8 June 2021 because of safeguarding concerns.

Since the three-month condition has been in place, the home has remained closed. The provider has appointed a new manager and deputy manager. The manager has submitted their application to register with Ofsted and the application is in progress.

The provider has carried out a significant amount of work to investigate the circumstances that led to the home's suspension of registration, to learn lessons from this. Senior managers have worked alongside the host local authority to complete this work. New systems have been implemented to ensure that there will be clearer oversight of the home in future by senior managers.

A training programme has been developed for new staff to ensure that they are provided with the skills and knowledge needed to fulfil their roles.

Following the temporary closure of the home, most of the previous staff have left. A significant number of new staff are in the process of being recruited. However, the

provider is still carrying out recruitment checks for them, so they are not yet employed to work at the home. Due to these staff not yet taking up their roles, the provider has subsequently requested that the three-month condition remain as the home is not yet ready to operate.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
30/09/2019	Full	Good
11/12/2018	Full	Good
04/12/2017	Full	Good
21/03/2017	Interim	Sustained effectiveness

Information about this inspection

The purpose of this visit was to review the provider's readiness to operate the home following a period of closure.

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

Children's home details

Unique reference number: SC040191

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Break

Registered provider address: Schofield House, 1 Spar Road, Norwich, Norfolk
NR6 6BX

Responsible individual: Terri Holkham

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Joe Cox, Social Care Inspector

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