

Children's homes - monitoring

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This monitoring visit

This monitoring visit was completed following two full inspections of the home on 30 July 2015 and 5 November 2015, when on both occasions it was judged inadequate. The purpose of this visit was to monitor whether the requirements for the two compliance notices issued in relation to Regulation 12, the Protection of Children standard and Regulation 13, the Leadership and Management standard, have been met.

A draft safeguarding procedure for the home is now in place, which all managers and staff follow. Safeguarding training, team meetings and individual discussions during regular supervision have taken place. Managers have a committed and relentless approach to safeguarding, resulting in a staff team who are confident and competent in dealing with safeguarding issues for young people.

Management oversight of care planning has improved and managers have started to embed a process of regularly reviewing young people's experience and progress. These reviews involve the views of young people, families and other professionals.

A robust development plan is in place, and significant changes to the home environment have begun. Staff have involved young people in the planning of improvements to the building and consequently, their views and choices are reflected in the designs.

The manager and staff have made considerable progress in addressing shortfalls since the previous inspection. Therefore, the Leadership and Management and the Protection of Children compliance notice are now met.

Information about this children's home

The home is registered to provide a short break for up to six children and/or young people who have learning difficulties and sensory impairments. The home is managed and owned by the local authority.

Information about this inspection

The purpose of this visit was to monitor the action taken and the progress made by the home since their last Ofsted inspection.

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