

SC056259

Pebbles Care

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home, which comprises a main home and a smaller home in the grounds, is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to six children and young people who have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties. There is a manager in post, but he is not yet registered.

Inspection date: 5 December 2018

This monitoring visit

This children's home was judged inadequate at the full inspection on 14 and 15 August 2018. This led to a restriction of accommodation notice, four compliance notices and several requirements. A monitoring visit on 24 September 2018 identified that some of the steps in the compliance notices had been met. However, three compliance notices were reissued in relation to the actions that were not met. The notice restricting accommodation remained in place.

A further full inspection was completed on 5 and 6 November 2018 and the home was judged as requires improvement to be good. The new manager had taken action to address the steps in the three compliance notices but not all of these were met. This led to a further restriction of accommodation notice, and the reissuing of one compliance notice.

The provider has since invited Ofsted to return to the home and review its actions in line with the restriction notice. The purpose of the most recent visit was to monitor the restriction notice and review the provider's progress in meeting the compliance notice and the requirements.

There is currently one child and one young person living at the home. Since starting in post, the manager has gained a better oversight and management grip of the issues at the home. He is not yet registered with the regulator. Several of the existing staff have recently left. New staff have been appointed and have

commenced work. There is now a new staffing structure which provides a larger senior team to support the manager. There is now also a team leader on each shift supporting the residential care staff. The staff spoken to feel far more positive about working at the home.

All of the staff have completed new and/or refresher training relating to safeguarding, first aid, medication, food hygiene and fire safety. Specific training, including sexually harmful behaviours, autism awareness and online safety, has also been delivered to ensure that staff have the knowledge and skills to meet children's needs. A new system to explore staff's understanding about these subject matters is used in supervision sessions and team meetings. The independent visitor has also started to explore staff's safeguarding knowledge.

Staff demonstrate an understanding and insight relating to the underlying emotional and safety needs of the children and young people living at the home. The manager has provided guidance to the staff team on what actions they should take if an allegation is made by a child against another peer. There is an internet monitoring system at the home and staff now have more awareness about online safety. This helps to safeguard children and young people from the dangers associated with social media.

The compliance notice and requirements have been met. This means that the criteria for the restriction notice are no longer met and as a result the restriction of accommodation is lifted.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
05/11/2018	Full	Requires improvement to be good
14/08/2018	Full	Inadequate
23/10/2017	Full	Good
23/02/2017	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 must ensure that all employees undertake appropriate continuing professional development; and have their performance and fitness to perform their roles appraised at least once every year. (Regulation 33 (4)(a)(c))	31/01/2019

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: SC056259

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Pebbles Care

Registered provider address: Pebbles Care, 2 Wyther Lane, Leeds, Yorkshire
LS5 3BT

Responsible individual: Amanda Quinn

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Tina Ruffles, social care inspector

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