

SC061005

City of Bradford Metropolitan District 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 provides care for up to six children who have a range of social, emotional and/or behavioural needs. The manager has been registered since July 2020; however, he is not currently working at the home.

Due to COVID-19 (coronavirus), at the request of the Secretary of State, we suspended all routine inspections of social care providers on 17 March 2020.

A full inspection was completed on 18 and 19 May 2021. The home received a judgement of inadequate, and this led to an emergency suspension notice being issued. The registered provider was also issued with enforcement action and requirements to improve. Since this date, no children have been cared for at this home. We last visited this setting on 22 June 2021 to carry out a monitoring visit. The report is published on the Ofsted website.

Inspection date: 5 August 2021

This monitoring visit

The purpose of this visit was to monitor the steps taken to meet the compliance notice that was issued following the last monitoring visit at this home. This visit focused on staff training and what steps the provider had taken to ensure staff have the necessary skills and knowledge in protecting and safeguarding children.

Since the last monitoring visit, the interim manager has now been appointed permanently and is in the process of applying for her registration. She has a proven track record of providing strong leadership. She is knowledgeable and experienced in her role and demonstrates a child-centred approach.

The existing staff team has completed face-to-face safeguarding training in areas, such as, county lines, criminal and child sexual exploitation, and self-harm. In addition, staff have attended training in a model of care designed to promote strong

relationship building and communication with children who have experienced neglect or abuse. The manager has used weekly staff team meetings to complete scenarios, appraise staff learning and embed consistency in day-to-day practice.

Staff have attended sessions on the threshold and criteria for notifying Ofsted about any serious safeguarding incidents involving a child. Staff have also strengthened their practice in relation to applying the relevant protocol for identifying children who are at risk of going missing and to recording vital information about them that can be used to help find them quickly and safely. This focus on enhancing the skills and the knowledge of the staff team means that the compliance notice has been met.

The home has undergone a full scheme of refurbishment and redecoration and is now fit for purpose. Facilities for the children include a gaming room, a gym, a music and craft room and an educational resource area. Each bedroom has been refitted with bespoke furniture, and the manager says that children coming to live at the home will be able to decorate and personalise to their taste.

The manager and her deputy manager have worked hard to address the concerns that resulted in the home being suspended as evidenced in this report. This means the suspension notice will no longer be in place from 10 August 2021.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
18/05/2021	Full	Inadequate
25/02/2020	Interim	Improved effectiveness
02/07/2019	Full	Requires improvement to be good
11/09/2018	Full	Requires improvement to be 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: SC061005

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council

Registered provider address: City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council, City Hall, Centenary Square, Bradford, West Yorkshire BD1 1HY

Responsible individual: Post Vacant

Registered manager: Subtan Nazir

Inspector

Cath Sikakana, Social Care Inspector

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