

SC061439

Registered Provider: Young Foundations Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is run by a private provider. It provides care for up to five children who may experience social and emotional difficulties.

The registered manager is no longer working in the home but has not yet resigned their registration.

Inspection date: 4 April 2025

This monitoring visit

An assurance inspection took place on 13 February 2025. At that visit, the inspector found serious and widespread concerns. A case review on 19 February 2025 decided that three compliance notices would be issued in relation to Regulations 12, 13 and 20. This monitoring visit was undertaken to review the provider's compliance with these notices.

Senior leaders have made changes to the management structure of the home. The registered manager is no longer working in the home, and a new responsible individual has begun their role. The responsible individual visits the home regularly and has arranged for additional support for the new manager and her staff team.

The new manager has started to implement systems to improve management oversight of the home. However, they are not fully operational and therefore not yet effective. Consequently, there continue to be shortfalls that are not identified or addressed. For example, a serious incident did not have a manager's review and risk assessments were not updated.

Risk assessments and behaviour management plans do not contain all the necessary information to help staff care for and protect children effectively. Risk assessments do not identify actions that staff should take to keep children safe. As a result, one child was able to access a hazardous substance and needed to attend an accident and emergency department for treatment.

Since the last inspection, physical intervention has been used to prevent children from leaving the home and to escort a child to a car. However, the new manager is taking action to ensure that the use of physical restraint is a proportionate response to an immediate risk of harm. This shortfall was subject to a compliance notice and remains as a requirement that will be reviewed at the next inspection.

Children are sometimes cared for overnight by agency staff whom they had never met. One child felt unsafe and called the police, as there were no familiar adults in the home that were known to them. A senior staff member arrived the following morning and found the child in distress and having had no sleep. This does not demonstrate that the home prioritises the well-being of children or considers their views and wishes related to their care.

Staff are not provided with clear directions on how to respond when children are missing from home. The information that staff refer to when a child is missing from home is contradictory and creates confusion for those caring for children. This means that staff are not following a consistent approach when responding to children who are missing from home, which increases their risk.

Following a case review held on 8 April 2025, it was agreed that the compliance notice issued in relation to Regulation 20 has been met. However, the provider has not met all the steps within the compliance notices issued under Regulations 12 and 13, and these have been reissued. The requirements issued at the last inspection have not been reviewed and are therefore also restated.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
16/07/2024	Full	Requires improvement to be good
28/11/2023	Full	Requires improvement to be good
04/10/2022	Full	Good
14/06/2022	Full	Inadequate

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, The 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 with the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
*The protection of children standard is that children are protected from harm and enabled to keep themselves safe. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that staff— assess whether each child is at risk of harm, taking into account information in the child's relevant plans, and, if necessary, make arrangements to reduce the risk of any harm to the child; have the skills to identify and act upon signs that a child is at risk of harm; understand the roles and responsibilities in relation to protecting children that are assigned to them by the registered person; take effective action whenever there is a serious concern about a child's welfare; and that the home's day-to-day care is arranged and delivered so as to keep each child safe and to protect each child effectively from harm. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(a)(i)(iii)(v)(vi)(b)) This compliance notice has been reissued.	1 June 2025
*The leadership and management standard is that the registered person enables, inspires and leads a culture in relation to the children's home that— helps children aspire to fulfil their potential;	1 June 2025

and promotes their welfare. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to— lead and manage the home in a way that is consistent with the approach and ethos, and delivers the outcomes, set out in the home’s statement of purpose; ensure that staff work as a team where appropriate; ensure that staff have the experience, qualifications and skills to meet the needs of each child; ensure that the home’s workforce provides continuity of care to each child; understand the impact that the quality of care provided in the home is having on the progress and experiences of each child and use this understanding to inform the development of the quality of care provided in the home; and use monitoring and review systems to make continuous improvements in the quality of care provided in the home. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(a)(b)(c)(e)(f)(h)) This compliance notice has been reissued.	
Restraint in relation to a child is only permitted for the purpose of preventing— injury to any person (including the child); serious damage to the property of any person (including the child). Restraint in relation to a child must be necessary and proportionate. (Regulation 20 (1)(a)(b) (2))	1 June 2025
The education standard is that children make measurable progress towards achieving their educational potential and are helped to do so. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that staff—	1 June 2025

understand the barriers to learning that each child may face and take appropriate action to help the child to overcome any such barriers; help each child to understand the importance and value of education, learning, training and employment; promote opportunities for each child to learn informally; help a child who is excluded from school, or who is of compulsory school age but not attending school, to access educational and training support throughout the period of exclusion or non-attendance and to return to school as soon as possible; and help each child to attend education or training in accordance with the expectations in the child's relevant plans. (Regulation 8 (1) (2)(a)(iii)(iv)(v)(viii)(x)) This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.	
The registered person must make arrangements for the handling, recording, safekeeping, safe administration and disposal of medicines received into the children's home. In particular the registered person must ensure that— medicine which is prescribed for a child is administered as prescribed to the child for whom it is prescribed and to no other child; and a record is kept of the administration of medicine to each child. (Regulation 23 (1) (2)(b)(c)) This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.	1 June 2025
The registered person must ensure that all employees— receive practice-related supervision by a person with appropriate experience. (Regulation 33 (4)(b)) This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.	1 June 2025

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*These requirements are subject of a compliance notice.

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

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