

SC061439

Young Foundations Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is owned and operated by a private company. It provides care and accommodation for up to five children and/or young people who may have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties and/or learning disabilities and/or mental disorders.

The manager has been in post since 25 May 2020 and was registered with Ofsted on 18 November 2020.

Inspection date: 20 January 2021

This monitoring visit

Ofsted visited this children's home on 27 August 2019 when it carried out a full inspection. Additionally, Ofsted carried out an assurance visit on 30 September 2020. There were no significant or serious concerns identified at that visit.

This monitoring visit was carried out in response to Ofsted receiving three safeguarding notifications. These notifications informed Ofsted that two young people had overdosed on non-prescribed medication, purchased in the community. This monitoring visit comprised of on-site and off-site activities.

The young people received immediate medical care and support. The registered manager ensured that the young people's physical and mental health needs were fully assessed. This reduced the likelihood of the young people suffering from long-term health issues.

Since these incidents, the registered manager has worked in partnership with other professionals and agencies to meet the young people's emotional and mental health needs. Through a multi-disciplinary health and social care meeting, allocated professionals were able to identify triggers to the young people's behaviours and agree strategies to manage and reduce the risks to their safety and welfare. This means that the young people benefit from a well-organised and consistent approach

to meeting their needs. In addition, the staff continue to encourage the young people to use the independent advocacy and support services available to them.

The young people currently benefit from increased staffing levels. This gives them the one-to-one support that they need at this time. This means that staff are able to provide the young people with regular and structured key-worker sessions. These help the young people to explore their feelings and to talk about their worries and concerns.

The registered manager continues to liaise with local police teams to manage and reduce the risk of the young people going missing from the home. In these circumstances, staff and local police teams work together to quickly locate the young people and return them to the home. This reduces the opportunity for the young people to purchase non-prescribed medication or come to harm when they are absent from the home.

The young people said that they are happy living at the home and that they have good relationships with the staff. They said that they know how to raise any concerns and now feel able to speak to staff or their social workers about their worries. This helps them to learn new ways to manage their emotions.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
27/08/2019	Full	Good
31/07/2018	Full	Outstanding
11/07/2017	Full	Good
04/11/2016	Interim	Declined in effectiveness

Information about this inspection

The purpose of this visit was to monitor 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: SC061439

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Young Foundations Limited

Registered provider address: 7 Grosvenor Street, Chester CH1 2DD

Responsible individual: Nicola Dixon

Registered manager: Natalie Bowey

Inspector

Debbie White, Social Care Inspector

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