

Monitoring report for a Children's Home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

The home is run by the local authority and provides care and accommodation for up to six boys or girls. The home is registered to care for young people with emotional or behavioural difficulties.

Outcome of monitoring visit

On the 12/08/2014 a monitoring visit was made to the home in response to concerns raised with Ofsted by a partner agency. The concerns related to two young people, who were presenting different but concerning safeguarding issues as a result of significant frequency of their being reported missing from home for protracted periods. The Registered Manager had already advised the placing authority in professionals meetings that the home is not meeting the needs of the young people. She had categorically advised that she could no longer ensure the safety and welfare of one young person. The risks this young person was presenting to both himself and others was placing both staff and young people at risk. The purpose of the visit was determine whether young people's welfare and safety is being promoted by the continued placement at the home.

As part of the visit documentation relating to both young people was viewed. Documentation was detailed and highlighted the home's commitment to trying to minimise the risk of young people going missing and reduce the risk of harm when they were absent. The home had followed the local Missing From Home Protocols and procedures, liaising regularly with all professionals. In relation to safeguarding practice the home had failed to promptly notify Ofsted of an allegation against a member of staff by one of the two young people.

The overall findings of the visit were that that the home had acted appropriately to try to ensure the safety and welfare of these two young people. Where there were deficits in practice identified these related to the failure of the placing authority to follow their own procedures. These issues were raised directly with the authority.

Areas for improvement

Statutory Requirements

This section sets out the actions which must be taken so that the registered person/s meets the Care Standards Act 2000, Children's Homes Regulations 2001 and the National Minimum Standards. The registered person(s) must comply with the given timescales.

Reg.	Requirement	Due date
30 (2001)	ensure that all significant events are notified to Ofsted without delay in accordance with the relevant schedule (Regulation 30(1))	30/09/2014

About this monitoring visit

The purpose of this visit was to monitor the action taken and progress made by the Children's Home following an Ofsted inspection.