

SC062674

Registered provider: Considerate Care Limited

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is privately run. It is registered to care for up to four children who may experience social or emotional difficulties or learning disabilities.

The manager registered with Ofsted in February 2006.

Inspection date: 28 March 2022

Date of last inspection: 14 December 2021

Judgement at last inspection: requires improvement to be good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

This inspection

The effectiveness of the home and the progress and experiences of children and young people since the most recent full inspection

This home was judged requires improvement to be good at the last full inspection. At this interim inspection, Ofsted judged that it has improved effectiveness.

Children are happy and feel safe here. Children said that they feel safe and can talk to the staff about anything. One child has recently moved into the home. This was a well-planned move that took into careful consideration the needs of all the children, the staff's skills and experience, and the location of the home. Consequently, the child has settled in well and is making friends with the other children.

Staff are aware of the children's vulnerabilities and the risks associated with these. Children's risk assessments are detailed and demonstrate how staff are helping children to learn how to stay safe. Despite the best efforts of staff, some risks do remain, such as those associated with the children's sexual health and understanding what a healthy relationship is.

Staff work well with schools and colleges. They have adopted one school's 'feelings cards' to help a child express how they are feeling each day, as they were struggling to talk to staff about this. Staff are completing mathematical tasks with a child each day to support them in taking their statistics. This means the child is gaining confidence in their own ability.

Record-keeping has improved. Staff are mindful of the language that they use, refraining from the use of slang or judgmental language while staying true to what the children have said. Staff make best use of every opportunity to support children's learning and understanding. There have been no significant incidents that would require the home to notify Ofsted.

Staff are supporting the children's understanding of equality and gender. There is significant improvement for one child who was struggling to understand some of these issues and would use homophobic language. This has now ceased, and they are more tolerant and understanding of children who are exploring their gender.

The manager and deputy have a clear understanding of the staff's strengths and areas of development, and this is reflected in the workforce development plan. Staff continue to have access to a wide range of training relevant to meeting the needs of the children.

The manager has taken steps to improve on the quality of monitoring in the home. She has considered a new format for her internal monitoring and has spoken to the independent person about the level of challenge in their reports. However, this is not yet fully embedded due to the short time between this inspection and the previous one. This means the effectiveness of the changes cannot yet be measured.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
14/12/2021	Full	Requires improvement to be good
30/10/2019	Full	Good
11/12/2018	Full	Good
18/10/2017	Full	Good

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 independent person must produce a report about a visit ("the independent person's report") which sets out, in particular, the independent person's opinion as to whether— children are effectively safeguarded; and the conduct of the home promotes children's well-being. The independent person's report may recommend actions that the registered person may take in relation to the home and timescales within which the registered person must consider whether or not to take those actions. (Regulation 44 (4)(a)(b) (5)) In particular, the independent person should ensure that the report provides robust evaluation to help the registered person's understanding of the quality of care provided in the home. The independent person should regularly seek the opinions of stakeholders and should make recommendations to improve practice.	27 May 2022
In order to complete a quality of care review the registered person must establish and maintain a system for monitoring, reviewing and evaluating— the quality of care provided for children; the feedback and opinions of children about the children's home, its facilities and the quality of care they receive in it; and any actions that the registered person considers necessary in order to improve or maintain the quality of care provided for children. After completing a quality-of-care review, the registered person must produce a written report about the quality-of-care review and the actions which the registered person	27 May 2022

intends to take as a result of the quality-of-care review ("the quality-of-care review report").

The system referred to in paragraph (2) must provide for ascertaining and considering the opinions of children, their parents, placing authorities and staff.
(Regulation 45 (2)(a)(b)(c) (3) (5))

Specifically, the report should provide analysis and evaluation of the quality of care, rather than focus on children's progress. It should include the views of stakeholders and any actions to address any shortfalls and drive continuous improvement in the quality of care provided.

Information about this inspection

This inspection focused on the effectiveness of the home and the progress and experiences of children and young people since the most recent full inspection.

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people, using the social care common inspection framework. This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000 to assess the effectiveness of the service, how it meets the core functions of the service as set out in legislation, and to consider how well it complies with the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards'.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: SC062674

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered manager: Claire Smart

Inspector

Chris Scully, Social Care Inspector

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