

SC063219

Registered provider: Children Assisted in a Real Environment (Care) Ltd

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This privately owned home provides care for up to five children. In the statement of purpose, the provider states that the home provides care for children who have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

The registered manager has been in post since February 2013. The registered manager is also the manager of another of the provider's three homes.

Inspection date: 17 December 2019

Date of last inspection: 8 April 2019

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 the interim inspection, Ofsted judges that it has improved effectiveness.

Leaders and managers have addressed all requirements from the previous report. This has resulted in a better-quality service. Staff have become more effective in supporting young people to have positive experiences and make progress in their lives.

The home's admission procedure is more thorough. Leaders and managers have paid better attention to the dynamics in the existing group when deciding to admit any new young people. The home has only admitted young people whose needs staff are able to meet.

The young people who currently live in the home settled in quickly. The individual risk assessments are now of a higher standard, which helps young people to make their behaviours safer and improve their attitudes. The young people are now better at staying in contact with staff when out of the home on their own. There have hardly been any incidents and the frequency with which young people go missing from the home is reducing.

Young people are interested in their own development. They attend colleges and enjoy learning. Young people get on well with each other and enjoy spending time together.

Staff help young people to talk about their own needs and accept help. Young people engage well with health professionals such as therapists and substance-misuse specialists. The home has a robust procedure for dealing with young people's medication.

The home's record-keeping has improved. Leaders and managers now maintain better records relating to staff recruitment, supervision, probationary appraisals and the staff duty roster. The statement of purpose has also been updated.

The physical environment has improved. Bathrooms have been fully refurbished and all communal areas have been repainted.

Care planning is still an area for further improvement. Although young people receive individualised care, their individual care plans do not fully reflect this. Examples include repetitive statements being used across different care plans and nothing recorded in respect of young people's ethnic identities or the promotion of diversity, even when this is clearly something that the young person needs help with.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
08/04/2019	Full	Requires improvement to be good
29/08/2018	Full	Requires improvement to be good
15/11/2017	Full	Good
13/01/2017	Interim	Improved effectiveness

What does the children's home need to do to improve?

Recommendations

- The guide describes 'personalised care' as care which meets each child's needs and promotes their welfare, taking into account of the child's gender, religion, ethnicity, cultural and linguistic background, sexual identity, mental health, any disability, their assessed needs, previous experiences and any relevant plans. ('Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards', page 14, paragraph 3.2)

Specifically, the registered person should ensure that young people's care plans are more individualised and reflect their racial and ethnic identities.

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: SC063219

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Inspector

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