

SC066242

Registered provider: Progressive Futures Care Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is run by a private company. It is registered to provide care for up to two children who may experience social and/or emotional difficulties.

There is a registered manager in post.

Inspection date: 30 January 2024

Date of last inspection: 8 August 2023

Judgement at last inspection: inadequate

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Information about this inspection

At this inspection, the inspectors evaluated:

- the care of children
- the safety of children
- the effectiveness of leaders and managers.

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children, using the social care common inspection framework. This assurance 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'.

Findings from the inspection

We did not identify any serious or widespread concerns in relation to the care or protection of children at this assurance inspection.

The home has not provided care to children since 16 October 2023. This inspection focused on whether the children's home is meeting its statutory requirements in order to maintain its registration and is ready to accept placements.

The new registered manager has made a significant difference in ensuring that the home is operating in line with regulation and has developed new systems to improve her monitoring and oversight of the home.

The home's staff team has remained consistent and stable. Staff have continued to enhance their knowledge and skills through training and development opportunities.

Staff are working in another home operated by the company to continually improve and develop their skills. The registered manager is responsible for both homes and monitors and manages staff practice. This ensures that staff practice continues to improve, and any shortfalls are dealt with quickly.

The registered manager has considered new referrals for the home. These referrals are discussed with staff to ensure they are supported to contribute to any new plans for the home. This is also helping staff feel valued. One member of staff said, 'We are consulted and involved in all decisions made.'

Staff attend training to help them to respond to children's needs. Staff feel supported by their manager. They attend regular team meetings and staff supervision, which helps them to reflect on their practice. A member of staff said, 'The new manager is great. She is always readily available and consistently goes above and beyond.'

The registered manager is passionate about the home and has high expectations for the staff team. In response to previous requirements, there are clear risk management and behaviour management strategies for staff to follow to keep children safe.

The provider has implemented new internal monitoring systems in response to a previous requirement. This has supported the improvements in the home in meeting the previous requirements. However, external monitoring of the home continues to lack an evaluation and does not support the manager to make effective changes.

The registered manager has worked hard to ensure that the home is now ready to accept placements. There were no requirements or recommendations made at this visit.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
08/08/2023	Full	Inadequate
10/05/2023	Full	Inadequate
24/05/2022	Full	Requires improvement to be good
08/03/2022	Full	Requires improvement to be good

Children's home details

Unique reference number: SC066242

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Progressive Futures Care Limited

Registered provider address: 55 Hoghton Street, Southport, Merseyside PR9 0PG

Responsible individual: Zoe Wilkinson

Registered manager: Katherine Purslow

Inspectors

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