

SC066917

Registered provider: Oracle Care Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

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

The manager registered in January 2023.

Inspection date: 7 June 2023

Date of last inspection: 13 March 2023

Judgement at last inspection: requires improvement to be good

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 care of children

At the time of this inspection, no children were living in the home. The last child to live at the home left in October 2022.

The safety of children

The manager continues to carry out a range of regular health and safety checks, which identify any hazards in the home, including fire safety risks. This ensures that the home is fit for children to live there.

The manager has updated the location risk assessment to ensure that risks to any children who may live in the home are identified.

The manager has safely recruited a team of staff and carried out recruitment checks to ensure that they are suitable to work with children.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers

There is a suitably experienced and qualified registered manager in place. As there are no children living in the home, the manager and staff are currently working at other homes operated by the provider.

Half of the staff team hold a suitable qualification and the other half are to begin training for their qualification after eight weeks of employment.

The responsible individual has used analysis to evaluate staff skills. This is being used to inform the planning for new children to move in to the home.

The oversight by the leaders and managers is effective and efficient. This ensures that shortfalls are recognised, and swift action is taken to address them. The manager has met two of the five requirements raised at the previous inspection. Three requirements have been restated due to no children living in the home.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
13/03/2023	Full	Requires improvement to be good
27/04/2021	Full	Good
11/09/2019	Full	Good
22/01/2019	Interim	Declined in effectiveness

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 protection of children standard is that children are protected from harm and enabled to keep themselves safe. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that staff— assess whether each child is at risk of harm, taking into account information in the child's relevant plans, and, if necessary, make arrangements to reduce the risk of any harm to the child. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(a)(i)) This specifically relates to managers ensuring that risk assessments are regularly updated with information about children's new and emerging risks. This requirement has been restated.	28 July 2023
The care planning standard is that children— receive effectively planned care in or through the children's home; and have a positive experience of arriving at or moving on from the home. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that each child's relevant plans are followed that staff help each child to access and contribute to the records kept by the registered person in relation to the child. (Regulation 14 (1)(a)(b) (2)(c)(f)) This specifically relates to managers ensuring that children receive planned care and are involved in reviewing their progress and setting new targets and goals.	28 July 2023

This requirement has been restated.	
The registered person must prepare and implement a policy ("the behaviour management policy") which sets out— how appropriate behaviour is to be promoted in the children's home; and the measures of control, discipline and restraint which may be used in relation to children in the home. The registered person must ensure that— within 24 hours of the use of a measure of control, discipline or restraint in relation to a child in the home, a record is made which includes— the effectiveness and any consequences of the use of the measure. (Regulation 35 (1)(a)(b) (3)(a)(vii)) This specifically relates to behaviour management records and evaluating the effectiveness of consequences given to children in the home. This requirement has been restated.	28 July 2023

Children's home details

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