

SC069474

Registered provider: Anderida Adolescent Care

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This privately owned children's home is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to three young people who have social, emotional and mental health difficulties.

The home has not had a registered manager since November 2018.

Inspection date: 27 February 2019

Judgement at last inspection: good

Date of last inspection: 4 June 2018

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 good at the last full inspection.

At the interim inspection, Ofsted judges that it has declined in effectiveness.

This interim inspection was undertaken in response to an escalation in safeguarding concerns notified to Ofsted. There were additional safeguarding concerns, not previously known to Ofsted, shared by the home manager at the start of the inspection. Some of these concerns were in the process of being addressed when the inspector arrived at the home. The home manager had activated alarm sensors to windows and doors to provide security. This was in response to risks identified following children going missing from the home, including identified risks associated with child criminal and sexual exploitation.

Safeguarding practice in the home has not consistently addressed the known risks to the children living there. Although these risks are understood by staff, the strategies to

address these risks have not always been put in place. The effectiveness of these strategies has sometimes been dependent on the involvement of other agencies. The home manager has not always effectively challenged these agencies when the agreed support has not been provided to the home.

There have been identified safeguarding concerns in relation to each child within the home. These include risks relating to missing from home episodes, child sexual exploitation, substance misuse and child criminal exploitation. The impact of these identified risks includes children smoking cannabis in the home and a knife having been found in a child's bedroom. Due to the ongoing risk for all children, one child left the home on the day of the inspection.

The responsible individual identified a separate safeguarding concern in relation to a staff member. They reported their concerns to all relevant agencies. The responsible individual responded immediately to the concern and terminated the staff member's employment. They continued to inform the agencies when further allegations were identified. Because of the current police investigation, it is not possible to ascertain the full impact on the children until this is concluded and the outcome is known.

Since the last inspection, there have been two new children move into the home, with one child having returned to the home from a secure setting. The matching undertaken by the home managers, for children moving to the home, has not been effective for all referrals. This has recently had an impact on the welfare of all of the children in the home due to the previously highlighted safeguarding concerns. This has resulted in significant change for all of the children, with one child having to leave the home one month after he had been placed there.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
04/06/2018	Full	Good
15/06/2017	Full	Good
18/10/2016	Interim	Sustained effectiveness
10/05/2016	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
In meeting the quality standards, the registered person must ensure that; if the registered person considers, or staff consider, a placing authority's or a relevant person's performance or response to be inadequate in relation to their role, challenge the placing authority or the relevant person to seek to ensure that each child's needs are met in accordance with the child's relevant plans. (Regulation 5 (c))	12/07/2019
The positive relationships standard is that children are helped to develop, and to benefit from, relationships based on mutual respect and trust; an understanding about acceptable behaviour; and positive responses to other children and adults. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure that staff help each child to develop socially aware behaviour. (Regulation 11 (1)(a)(b)(c)(2)(a)(ii))	12/07/2019
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 help each child to understand how to keep safe. (Regulation 12 (1)(2)(a)(ii))	12/07/2019
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 take effective action whenever there is a serious concern about a child's welfare. (Regulation 12 (1)(2)(a)(vi))	12/07/2019
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 the home's day-to-day care is	12/07/2019

arranged and delivered so as to keep each child safe and to protect each child effectively from harm. (Regulation 12 (1)(2)(b))	
The leadership and management standard is that the registered person enables, inspires and leads a culture in relation to the children's home that helps children aspire to fulfil their potential; and promotes their welfare. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b)) In particular, recognising the impact on all children placed within the home, following a child moving into the home and the impact of arrangements when a child leaves the home.	12/07/2019

Recommendations

- Statutory guidance on children who run away or go missing from home or care sets out the steps local authorities and their partners should take to prevent children from going missing and to protect them when they do go missing. Children's homes should have regard to the relevant aspects of this guidance ('Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards', page 45, paragraph 9.25).

In particular, the following paragraphs, detailing arrangements for independent return interview:

When a child is found, they must be offered an independent return interview. Independent return interviews provide an opportunity to uncover information that can help protect children from the risk of going missing again, from risks they may have been exposed to while missing or from risk factors in their home.

The interview should be carried out within 72 hours of the child returning to their home or care setting. This should be an in-depth interview and is normally best carried out by an independent person (i.e., someone not involved in caring for the child) who is trained to carry out these interviews and is able to follow-up any actions that emerge. Children sometimes need to build up trust with a person before they will discuss in depth the reasons why they ran away ('Statutory Guidance on children who run away or go missing from home or care', page 14, paragraphs 31 and 32).

Information about this inspection

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people. Inspectors considered the quality of work and the differences made to the lives of children and young people. They watched how professional staff work with children and young people and each other and discussed the effectiveness of help and care provided. Wherever possible, they talked to children and young people and their families. In addition, the inspectors have tried to understand what the children's home knows about how well it is performing, how well it is doing and what difference it is making for the children and young people whom it is trying to help, protect and look after.

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.

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

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Provision sub-type: children's home

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Registered manager: post vacant

Inspector

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