

SC356963

Kirklees Council

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is owned and run by a local authority. The home is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to six children or young people.

There is an interim manager in post who is not yet registered.

Inspection date: 4 April 2018

This monitoring visit

This children's home was judged to have declined in effectiveness at the interim inspection on 21 November 2017. This visit was undertaken to monitor a compliance notice issued in relation to the protection of children standard.

The interim manager is establishing new protocols to ensure that any risks relating to the children and young people are clearly documented and followed by staff. Risk assessment will be done in consultation with other professionals, such as the police. This includes detailed assessments of children and young people prior to their admission. These assessments will inform staff of the ways in which they can keep the children and young people safer from the start of their time living at the home.

New systems have been introduced by both the senior management and home's management teams to keep the children and young people safe. Regular meetings between these teams and social workers will be held to review specific risks to the children and young people living in the home. An email alert system now notifies senior managers daily of any children and young people who are missing from home. The local safeguarding board has established meetings for providers of residential services to meet together to share best practice.

The staff team has completed training to help the staff understand their roles and responsibilities in relation to safeguarding children and young people. The staff now recognise the need to work sensitively with children and young people while also providing clear boundaries and expectations from the outset. For example, bedroom agreements will be used to ensure that dangerous items, such as lighters, are not

taken into bedrooms and room searches will be undertaken if necessary. This will provide the children and young people with a safe environment in which to live.

The staff team is meeting regularly and has reflected on issues, such as drug and alcohol awareness and missing from home practice, with external speakers. Staff are being encouraged to develop their practice by becoming lead practitioners in specific areas, such as fire safety. This will help develop a sense of responsibility and shared accountability amongst the team.

The compliance notice was considered to have been met.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
21/11/2017	Interim	Declined in effectiveness
10/07/2017	Full	Requires improvement to be good
23/03/2017	Interim	Sustained effectiveness
23/08/2016	Full	Requires improvement

Information about this inspection

The purpose of this visit was to monitor the action taken and the progress made by the children's home since its last Ofsted inspection.

This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000.

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Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Kirklees Council

Registered provider address: Civic Centre, 3, Market Street, Huddersfield HD1 2EY

Responsible individual: Elaine McShane

Registered manager: Victor Szczesnowicz

Inspector

Janet Black, social care inspector

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