

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 who have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

Inspection date: 26 January 2018

This monitoring visit

This children's home was judged inadequate at the interim inspection on 21 November 2018. The service is currently under review by the provider. There is no statement of purpose, staff team or permanent management in place.

At this visit, three compliance notices were monitored. Following a case review, all three compliance notices were considered to have been met.

A full refurbishment of this home is underway. This includes redecoration, replacement of carpets, new furniture, and some structural building alterations.

The temporary management team is planning to undertake work with a new staff team regarding the expectations of staff to help young people to keep their bedrooms clean.

The senior management team has taken learning from the previous shortfalls in safeguarding practice. A full review of the risk assessment system is planned. The senior management team intends to have regular multi-agency meetings to oversee risk management. When the new staff team is in place, risk assessment training will be delivered to ensure that the staff have the skills and knowledge to identify and manage risks effectively.

The new management team is planning scenario-based training. This is to ensure that the staff understand the correct action to take when presented with children that are at risk of harm.

The temporary management team is working closely with the local authority's fire

safety officer and has regular consultation with the officer around the fire safety of the home. The new staff team will be undertaking a fire safety course. The service is maintaining close links with the local fire and rescue service. The children will be educated around the risks of fire. There will be clear guidelines for staff to follow to manage smoking, and smoking will not be allowed in the home. The staff team will help the children to access smoking cessation services where necessary.

The senior management team is currently working to improve the admission and matching process for new young people coming into the home.

The impact of the planned work cannot be assessed until the work is finished and children live in the home.

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

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, the 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— understand the roles and responsibilities in relation to protecting children that are assigned to them by the registered person. (Regulation 12(2)(a)(v))	31/03/18

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.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: SC356963

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Kirklees Council

Registered provider address: 30 Market Street, Huddersfield HD1 2HG

Responsible individual: Elaine McShane

Registered manager: Victor Szczesnowicz

Inspector

Jamie Richardson, social care inspector

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