

SC359818

Cambian Childcare Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is one of a group of homes operated by a large independent organisation. This home provides care and accommodation for up to four young people who have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

Inspection date: 23 October 2017

This monitoring visit

The children's home was judged to be inadequate at the full inspection on 7 September 2017. This monitoring visit was conducted to determine whether the compliance notice has been met and that the provider has complied with the restriction of accommodation notice.

The compliance notice required the registered person to review the appropriateness and suitability of the home. This is because serious incidents in the locality have seriously affected young people's safety over the months prior to the inspection.

The responsible individual, the acting manager and the staff have completely reviewed the home's location assessment. They have re-written their report about the location, its risks and the ways in which they will minimise the risks. They have considered the risks posed by the canal, the railway tracks, the independence unit and the main road. They have talked about the risks with key agencies that know the locality. For example, they have talked to police, the missing from home coordinator, youth offending workers and local safeguarding professionals.

The acting manager and the staff have reviewed their practice carefully so that they can minimise the risk of young people running away. They have also devised clear guidance for staff about what to do if young people do go missing. This means that all staff, including those who are unfamiliar with the locality, can competently follow young people who run away. Staff have put together a grab bag, with timetables, maps, a torch, high visibility jackets and a phone, so that it is safer for staff to follow young people who leave the home without permission.

Two young people were living in the home at the time of this monitoring visit. Managers and staff have reviewed their safety and talked to them about the areas of risk in the locality. (A third young person's placement has ended.) Managers and staff have rehearsed road safety with one young person and have checked that he crosses the road sensibly and safely. Managers and staff have made practical arrangements for young people to socialise with friends who live in the independence home next door. Staff and the manager of the home and the independence home all discourage young people from congregating on the street in front of the properties. The young people now meet in the garden or the games room of the home.

The responsible individual's location review report now clearly sets out her rationale for providing a children's home in this location. She has weighed up the benefits of the location as well as the risks. She has set out the steps that staff should take to reduce the risks that exist in the locality. Importantly, she and the acting manager have engaged the staff team to be involved in completing this review. They have all thought carefully about their individual responsibilities, including building high-quality relationships with young people, adapting their practice to meet individual needs and taking real care with the matching and introductions of new young people to the home.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
07/09/2017	Full	Inadequate
22/02/2017	Interim	Sustained effectiveness
09/11/2016	Full	Good
30/03/2016	Interim	Sustained effectiveness

Information about this inspection

The purpose of this visit was to monitor the action taken and the progress made by the children's home in relation to the compliance notice issued following its last Ofsted inspection.

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

Children's home details

Unique reference number: SC359818

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Cambian Childcare Limited

Registered provider address: Cambian Group, 4th Floor Waterfront Building, Chancellors Road, Hammersmith Embankment, London W6 9RU

Responsible individual: Alison Blyth-Bishop

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Rachel Britten, social care inspector

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