

SC361789

Cornwall Council

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to four young people who have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties and/or learning difficulties. The home is owned by a local authority. It is situated near a school for children who have additional needs and a children's home that offers short breaks.

There is currently no registered manager in post.

Inspection date: 5 February 2020

This monitoring visit

This home was judged as requires improvement at the full inspection in September 2019. The home was subsequently judged as declined in effectiveness at the interim inspection in January 2020.

At that inspection, the provider did not meet all the required statutory regulations for children's homes. These related to the quality and purpose of care standard and the leadership and management standard. Compliance notices were issued to ensure that action was taken to address these issues.

The acting manager is in the process of applying to register with Ofsted on an interim basis. Senior leaders are looking for a new registered manager to run the home long term.

During this visit, it was evident that management oversight of the home is more thorough. Audits of care planning files have been completed and significant improvement was seen within these. Guidance to enable staff to meet the needs of children is now clear and effective.

The ethos of the home is improving with staff developing greater confidence to meet the needs of children who may have challenging behaviours. Systems such as good-quality shift handovers and debriefs after incidents are now effective.

The care provided to help children meet their basic needs has improved. For, example one child who was previously refusing to brush his teeth is now supported to do this daily.

Both children who live at the home were seen to be happy in their environment during this visit. However, one child continues to isolate himself at one end of the building. This child will be moving to an adult provision soon which is in line with his needs.

The action plan in place is intended to improve the environment and to ensure that agreed actions are completed in a timely manner. Unnecessary aids and adaptations that are not required by children have been removed. The padding from the play room has been taken down and the unused intercom panels have almost been entirely removed.

In summary, the two compliance notices issued to the provider have been met.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
03/01/2020	Interim	Declined in effectiveness
03/09/2019	Full	Requires improvement to be good
19/03/2019	Full	Requires improvement to be good
29/11/2018	Full	Inadequate

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: SC361789

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Cornwall Council

Registered provider address: Cornwall Council, Accounts Payable, P O Box 727, Truro TR1 9GP

Responsible individual: Tony Phillips-Jones

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Polly Soper, social care inspector

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