

SC372117

Meadows Care Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This is one of several homes operated by a private company. The home is registered to provide care for up to three children who may have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

If required, children can access the organisation's school and therapy department.

The manager has been registered for this home since August 2016.

Inspection date: 9 March 2021

This monitoring visit

This visit was completed off site. The purpose of the visit was to ensure that children are safe and that their needs are being met. The home has not been inspected since 16 April 2019.

At the time of the visit, the home was accommodating three children. Placements are stable and children regard this as their home. Feedback from professionals and children is consistently positive. One child said: 'Staff look after me and have helped me to change in a good way. I have stopped going missing and they have helped me to get into mainstream school. It is all good and could not be any better.'

Children benefit from unconditional support that is delivered in a nurturing and caring manner. They have developed strong parent-like attachments with staff, who make every effort to be reliable and positive adult role models. A social worker said, '[Name of child] has consistently benefited from the therapeutic approach taken by staff. [Name of child] is a different child now.' She went on to say: 'When I visit the home, the other children are always respectful and welcoming. It feels very homely and staff are clearly good role models for the children.'

The safety of children is given a high priority. Staff support children to reflect and learn from their experiences. This has helped children to understand their own risks

and vulnerabilities and has resulted in a significant reduction in the risk-taking behaviours seen prior to their admission. An independent reviewing officer said: 'I knew [name of child] before going to this home. [Name of child] was significantly high risk at the time. The placement has really helped her settle, and it is all positive apart from a couple of blips. Compared to a couple of years ago, [name of child] is like a different child and is really thriving.'

Children say they feel safe. Their behaviours, risks and vulnerabilities are understood by staff. Risk-taking behaviours, such as children going missing from home and self-harm, are infrequent but are managed effectively when they do occur.

Staff work hard to ensure that children are working to a structured plan. They have supported children to maintain good routines and consistent boundaries throughout the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. They have ensured that children continue to engage in education and maintain contact with the important people in their lives.

The two recommendations from the previous visit have been carried over. The recommendations relating to medication records and regulation 45 monitoring have not been considered during this visit.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
15/04/2019	Full	Good
24/09/2018	Full	Good
30/01/2018	Interim	Sustained effectiveness
23/05/2017	Full	Good

What does the children's home need to do to improve?

Recommendations

- The registered person must ensure that medication records are accurate and include staff signatures. (Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards', page 35, paragraph 7.15)
- The registered person should ensure that any actions delegated to staff following the regulation 45 review are completed within the registered person's timescales. ('Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards', page 28, paragraph 5.15)

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: SC372117

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Meadows Care Limited

Registered provider address: Egerton House, Wardle Road, Rochdale, Lancashire OL12 9EN

Responsible individual: Karen Brandon

Registered manager: Katie Knox

Inspector

Paul Scott, Social Care Inspector

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