

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

This service is a private children's home, registered to care for up to three children between the ages of 10 years and 17 years of age.

The inspection judgements and what they mean

Good progress	The children's home has demonstrated continued improvement in quality of care and outcomes for children and young people and where appropriate has addressed all requirements and the large majority of recommendations that were raised at the previous inspection.
Satisfactory progress	The children's home has maintained quality of care and outcomes for children and young people and where appropriate has addressed all requirements and the majority of recommendations that were raised at the previous inspection.
Inadequate progress	The children's home has failed to address one or more requirements and/or has not met the majority of recommendations and/or the quality of care and outcomes for children and young people have declined since the last full inspection.

Progress

Since their previous inspection the service is judged to be making **adequate** progress.

The home has been closed for nine months. The registered provider has indicated that the home will not be operational for the next three months. Should the home decide to accept placements they are required to inform Ofsted of their intention before they do so.

This inspection focuses on whether the children's home meets its statutory requirements in order to maintain its registration.

Since the last inspection, the Registered Manager has resigned. A manager has been appointed to the home, but is not registered by Ofsted. The staff are dispersed throughout other homes in the area. There is no development plan for the home.

The property can accommodate three young people. Two of the bedrooms are not fully furnished. In addition, a kitchen cupboard is broken, the home is dirty and dusty, and carpet on the stairs is in poor condition.

The Statement of Purpose requires review, to ensure all information it contains is up

to date, such as contact details for Ofsted. Furthermore, the Statement of Purpose does not include in sufficient detail all matters required by regulation, such as the arrangements for dealing with complaints, or the arrangements for child protection or behaviour management. The staffing list is out of date.

All policies and procedures in the home are out of date, as they relate to the company that previously owned the home. They do not reflect regulatory requirements or good practice guidance. For example, the child protection policy does not reflect current Local Safeguarding Children Board guidance.

Areas for improvement

Statutory Requirements

This section sets out the actions which must be taken so that the registered person/s meets the Care Standards Act 2000, Children's Homes Regulations 2001 and the National Minimum Standards. The registered person(s) must comply with the given timescales.

Reg.	Requirement	Due date
2010	ensure on appointment of an individual to manage a children's home that they provide information and documents in an application for registration (Care Standards Act 2000 (registration) (England) Regulations 2010 Part 2, Regulation 3)	10/08/2012
31 (2001)	ensure all parts of the children's home are kept in good repair, and are clean and suitably furnished to meet the needs of the children accommodated, and achieve the aims and objectives set out in the home's statement of purpose (Regulation 31)	28/09/2012
11 (2001)	ensure the children's home is conducted so as to promote and make proper provision for the welfare, care and supervision of children accommodated there, specifically to ensure all policies and procedures reflect the home's commitment to comply with this Regulation (Regulation 11)	28/09/2012
5 (2001)	review and revise the Statement of Purpose and the children's guide, to ensure all matters listed in Schedule 1 of the regulation are included in it. (Regulation 5)	28/09/2012

Recommendations

To improve the quality and standards of care further the service should take account of the following recommendation(s):

- ensure the registered person has a written development plan, that is established and implemented to rectify any shortfalls in compliance with Regulations or National Minimum Standards. (NMS 15.3)

About this inspection

The purpose of this inspection is to assure children and young people, parents, the public, local authorities and government of the quality and standard of the service provided. The inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000 to assess the effectiveness of the service and to consider how well it complies with the relevant regulations and meets the national minimum standards.

The report details the progress made by the provider since the last full inspection, identifies any further strengths, any areas for improvement and makes judgements as outlined in the *Inspection of children's homes – framework for inspection (March 2011)*.