

SC387148

Fairfield Residential Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home provides residential care and shared care for up to five children who may have physical and/or learning disabilities. The home is run by a private company. This home offers education on site at a registered school.

Inspection date: 15 January 2019

This monitoring visit

The monitoring visit was carried out following the sharing of information by a placing authority in relation to health and safety concerns. This monitoring visit was aligned with an education monitoring visit.

The provider has taken action to address the concerns raised by the local authority and has completed the required actions. The fire service carried out an inspection of the premises in October 2018; no breaches of fire regulations were identified by the fire safety officer. The registered manager has acted to address the previous recommendation raised at the full inspection in relation to the propping open of internal doors, as most doors have now been fitted with sound-activated release mechanisms. This no longer presents an access issue for those children using wheelchairs and has improved fire safety measures.

The registered manager has complied with the Food Standards Agency requirement to register the service. The registered manager has made some improvements to food hygiene standards in the home, in line with the recommendations of the environmental health officer. However, there are still some shortfalls which the registered manager needs to address to secure an improved food hygiene rating.

The registered manager and staff team do not provide a safe or well-maintained environment for children. Several areas around the home show evidence of damage. There is evidence of attempts to repair some of the damage, but the repairs have not been fully completed. For example, floor coverings have not been completely

fitted, leaving trip hazards and opportunities for further damage to be brought about by children. Some repairs have been completed to a poor standard, for example an area of damage to tiles has been repaired by standing a piece of plywood up against it, but this plywood has not been secured to the wall. This poor workmanship has not been effectively challenged by the registered manager, resulting in several hazards throughout the house remaining unaddressed at the time of the inspection.

One child's bedroom is in a very poor state. The mattress is ripped, the bedding dirty and ripped, skirting boards are missing, there are holes in the ceiling and there are stained walls. A replacement mattress was sourced during the inspection. However, this was a pre-used mattress which also showed signs of damage. Despite the monitoring systems in place, the registered manager has failed to provide children with homely and safe accommodation.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
09/04/2018	Full	Good
16/05/2017	Full	Good
25/01/2017	Interim	Sustained effectiveness
24/05/2016	Full	Good

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, 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 the premises used for the purposes of the home are designed, furnished and maintained so as to protect each child from avoidable hazards to the child's health. (Regulation 12(1)(2)(d))	26/02/2019

Information about this inspection

The purpose of this visit was to monitor the action taken following a specific concern in relation to the fire risks and health and safety concerns as highlighted in a local authority compliance visit. This monitoring inspection was aligned with an education monitoring inspection.

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

Children's home details

Unique reference number: SC387148

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Responsible individual: Kendall Cope

Registered manager: Debra McGarrigan

Inspector

Louise Redfern, social care compliance inspector

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