

SC398393

Options BESD (1) Limited

Monitoring visit

Information about this children's home

This privately owned children's home may provide care and accommodation for up to two young people who have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

Inspection date: 13 April 2017

This monitoring visit

This unannounced monitoring visit was undertaken to consider the actions taken in response to two compliance notices. These notices were issued following an interim inspection on 29 March 2017.

Since the last inspection, one young person has moved out of the home and one young person has remained in placement.

The vacant bedroom is now clean and tidy. Staff have ordered a new en suite bathroom in preparation for a new young person. The other young person's bedroom has been decorated. The young person has been fully involved in choosing the colours and the curtains for his bedroom. The shower in his en suite bathroom has now been replaced and his bedroom is now clean and tidy. This means that the home is now well maintained, providing young people with a safe and comfortable home to live in.

Managers have reviewed young people's risk assessments. A new system has been implemented to ensure that staff are fully aware of the new templates. This will make sure that all risk assessments are bespoke to individual young people. Managers have taken action to make sure that young people who are at risk of child sexual exploitation have appropriate risk assessments in place. Managers have arranged meetings with partner agencies to ensure that they are all working collaboratively in reducing the risk of child sexual exploitation. This means that staff are now able to recognise and protect young people from harm.

The compliance notices have been met. The remaining requirements will be monitored at the next inspection. No new requirements have been made.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
29/03/2017	Interim	Declined in effectiveness
11/07/2016	Full	Good
09/03/2016	Interim	Improved effectiveness
15/09/2015	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
5: Engaging with the wider system to ensure children's needs are met In order to meet the engaging with the wider system standard, the registered person must ensure that: (c) if the registered person considers, or staff consider, a placing authority's or a relevant person's performance or response to be inadequate in relation to their role, challenge the placing authority or the relevant person to seek to ensure that each child's needs are met in accordance with the child's relevant plans.	12/05/2017
11: The positive relationships standard In order to meet the positive relationships standard, the registered person must ensure that: (1)(a) children are helped to develop, and to benefit from, relationships based on mutual respect and trust; (c) positive responses to other children and adults.	12/05/2017
12: The protection of children standard In order to meet the protection of children standard, the registered person must ensure that: (2)(a)(i) staff assess whether each child is at risk of harm, taking into account information in the child's relevant plans; (v) staff understand the roles and responsibilities in relation to protecting children that are assigned to them by the registered person; (vi) staff take effective action whenever there is a serious concern about a child's welfare; (b) the home's day-to-day care is arranged and delivered so as to keep each child safe and to protect each child effectively from harm; (d) the premises used for the purposes of the home are designed, furnished and maintained so as to protect each child from avoidable	12/05/2017

hazards to the child's health.	
13: The leadership and management standard In order to meet the leadership and management standard, the registered person must: (1)(b) enable, inspire and lead a culture in relation to the children's home that promotes children's welfare; (2)(a) lead and manage the home in a way that is consistent with the approach and ethos, and delivers the outcomes, set out in the home's statement of purpose; (h) use monitoring and review systems to make continuous improvements in the quality of care provided in the home.	12/05/2017
The registered person must ensure that within 5 days of the use a measure of control, discipline or restraint, the registered person or the authorised person adds to the record confirmation that they have spoken to the child about the measure. (Regulation 35(3)(c))	12/05/2017
The registered person must maintain in the home the records in schedule 4 and ensure that the records are kept up to date. (Regulation 37(2)(a)(b))	12/05/2017

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: SC398393

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Options BESD (1) Limited

Registered provider address: Turnpike Gate House, Alcester Heath, Alcester,
Warwickshire B49 5JG

Responsible individual: James Barlow

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Sandra King, social care regulatory inspector

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