

SC399222

Registered provider: West Sussex County Council

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This local authority home provides short-term emergency assessments and support for children at times of crisis or significant periods of change in their lives. The home provides care for up three children with social and emotional difficulties.

The manager registered with Ofsted on 26 August 2022.

Inspection date: 20 March 2023

This monitoring visit

The purpose of this visit was to establish if the provider has made suitable arrangements for the home to resume operating, as it has been closed since March 2019.

There have been no children living at the home since Ofsted imposed a three-month condition. External monitoring has continued since that time and the responsible individual has kept Ofsted up to date with the developments at the home.

The home's environment has been completely redesigned to a very high standard.

The information from the provider demonstrates that they have suitable resources to resume operation in line with the home's statement of purpose.

The requirements from the last full inspection cannot be assessed as staff are currently working at other local authority services. Staff will move back to the home when an agreement is made for a child to move in. The statutory requirements are therefore restated and will be reviewed at the next inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
09/03/2017	Interim	Sustained effectiveness
23/11/2016	Full	Good
01/03/2016	Interim	Improved effectiveness
15/12/2015	Full	Outstanding

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 with the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
The leadership and management standard is that the registered person enables, inspires and leads a culture in relation to the children's home that— helps children aspire to fulfil their potential; and promotes their welfare. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to— use monitoring and review systems to make continuous improvements in the quality of care provided at the home. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(h)) In particular, managers should review all aspects of recording to ensure that records are accurate and up to date, including records of supervision, complaints and restraint. This requirement was raised at the last full inspection and is restated.	30 June 2023
The registered person must ensure that— within 48 hours of the use of the measure (of control, discipline or restraint in relation to a child in the home) the registered person, or a person who is authorised by the registered person to do so ("the authorised person")— has spoken to the user about the measure; within 5 days of the use of the measure, 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)(b)(i)(c)) This is with specific reference to ensuring that all incidents of physical restraint are monitored by an appropriate person.	30 June 2023

This requirement was raised at the last full inspection and is restated.	
The registered person must establish a procedure for considering complaints made by or on behalf of children. The registered person must ensure that a record is made of any complaint, the action taken in response, and the outcome of any investigation. (Regulation 39 (1) (3)) This is with reference to recording how issues have been explored and addressed and whether the complainant is satisfied with the response. This requirement was raised at the last full inspection and is restated.	30 June 2023
The registered person must notify HMCI and each relevant person without delay— if there is any incident relating to a child which the registered person considers to be serious. (Regulation 40 (4)(e)) This requirement was raised at the last full inspection and is restated.	30 June 2023

Information about this inspection

The purpose of this visit was to monitor the suitability of the home to resume providing care for children.

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

Children's home details

Unique reference number: SC399222

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: West Sussex County Council

Registered provider address: County Hall, West Street, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1RG

Responsible individual: Julian Skeates

Registered manager: Emma Gibbons

Inspector

Kristen Judd, Senior His Majesty's Inspector

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