

SC429995

A Significant Other Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home provides care and accommodation for up to four children and young people who may have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties. A private provider operates the home.

Inspection date: 8 December 2020

This monitoring visit

An assurance visit was carried out on 21 September 2020, during which the following serious concerns were identified in relation to the care or protection of children: young people's care plans do not address risks that young people pose to each other; hazards and hygiene in the home pose a risk to young people; safeguarding incidents are not thoroughly recorded; and one young person's needs are outside the criteria detailed in the statement of purpose.

In response, this visit was carried out to assess what action the manager has taken to address the serious concerns identified.

The inspector found that the manager has taken effective action to address the concerns.

Young people's risk assessments have been reviewed. The manager understands the risks posed to each young person. He ensures that risk assessments are up to date with current information and strategies for staff to follow to help young people stay safe.

When young people do not have a school or college to attend, the staff provide them with structured learning at home. Young people have an education planner which details their week ahead and tracks the work they complete. The manager liaises with the education authority and helps to find educational provisions which

meet the young people's needs. This means young people are able to get back into education and continue with their learning.

Safeguarding incidents are thoroughly recorded. The manager ensures that staff follow procedures, which includes notifying Ofsted. The manager reviews incidents and the action taken by staff, he also consults with the young people. This means that incidents are scrutinised and enables practice issues to be identified. This helps to keep young people increasingly safe.

The home conditions have improved. The manager has taken effective action to rectify hazards and improve hygiene. A cleaning routine has been put in place which staff follow. The manager monitors the conditions to ensure that the home is hygienic and well maintained. The home is decorated in a festive theme with Christmas trees, sparkly lights and window dressings. This means that the young people are living in comfortable home conditions.

When young people move into the home, they receive a warm welcome and introduction. The manager and deputy manager learn about young people's individual needs and make bespoke arrangements to help them settle in. They share information and get to know the young person and the people who are important to them. To help prepare the young person, they receive photographs and visit the home to meet staff and other young people. A social worker said, 'It's the best introduction I've seen for a young person.' This helps young people to cope with the change in their life and settle into their new home.

Young people receive help to develop their independence skills. There is a designated member of staff in the home who is responsible for overseeing this and planning work with young people. This helps young people to prepare for moving out of the home and learn skills for later life.

Young people are supported to keep in touch with their family and visit them when restrictions in line with the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic allow. Staff work flexibly to promote family time. They will accompany young people on long journeys to see their family and offer extra support. Each child has a Christmas family time plan which is focused on their individual needs and preferences.

Young people have positive relationships with staff. When young people have ideas or want to make changes, staff listen and act. The manager uses a 'you said, we did' scheme to help young people feel confident that they can influence change and make decisions about the care that they receive. When young people do not want to participate in group meetings, they are able to share their views during one-to-one time with staff. This means that all young people's views are valued.

The manager and deputy manager have high aspirations for the young people. They are focused on improving the quality of care provided. Together, they provide strong management oversight and support to the staff team.

The home's statement of purpose is up to date. This means that the home is complying with its conditions of registration.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
10/10/2019	Interim	Improved effectiveness
25/06/2019	Full	Requires improvement to be good
18/12/2018	Interim	Improved effectiveness
18/04/2018	Full	Requires improvement to be good

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: SC429995

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: A Significant Other Limited

Registered provider address: 2 The Calls, Leeds LS2 7JU

Responsible individual: Amanda Quinn

Registered manager: Simon Morson

Inspector

Catherine Heron, Social Care Inspector

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