

SC429995

A Significant Other Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This privately operated children's home provides care and accommodation for up to four children and young people who have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

Inspection date: 18 October 2017

This monitoring visit

This monitoring visit was undertaken to review the actions taken by the provider to meet a compliance notice. This was issued following a previous monitoring visit that took place on 15 August 2017.

The compliance notice set out a requirement to ensure that the children and young people are adequately safeguarded.

The main areas of concern were:

- That the protocols for the safe administration of controlled medication had not been followed.
- That the procedures about how the staff monitor internet safety for the children and young people were not clear.

The home's medication procedure has been updated and all of the staff have completed training in how to handle and administer medication safely. Improvements have been made to appropriately record the administration of controlled medication. Records are kept to monitor all medications that are brought into the home and there are clear procedures to inform the staff about how to dispose of unwanted medications safely.

There is now clear guidance that sets out the actions that the staff must take if a medication error occurs; in particular, if a child's or a young person's prescribed medication has been administered incorrectly. The staff are regularly checking and

verifying that the medication that they are dispensing is in line with the responsible prescribing medical officer's instructions.

These improvements safeguard the children and young people who receive medication.

The home's e-safety policy has been updated and it now sets out what the staff must do to ensure that the children and young people can safely use the internet. A new internet usage log has been introduced to monitor all the occasions that the home's computer has been used to access the internet.

All of the staff have undertaken training in e-safety. The provider has set up a resource file that includes a range of literature and guidance for use by the staff and the children and young people. This will help to extend their knowledge and understanding of the potential risks associated with using the internet.

These improvements safeguard the children and young people from being exposed to inappropriate, and unsafe, internet websites.

The outcome for this visit is that the compliance notice is met.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
26/06/2017	Full	Requires improvement to be good
16/05/2017	Full	Inadequate
05/01/2017	Interim	Improved effectiveness
26/04/2016	Full	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

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Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: A Significant Other Limited

Responsible individual: Donna Thorne

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector:

Debbie White, social care inspector

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