

SC477900

Registered provider: Care Focus Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is run by a private provider. It offers care for up to four girls who experience social and emotional difficulties. The home has a school on site. The inspector only inspected the social care provision.

At the time of this visit, no children were living at the home.

There has been no registered manager since September 2023.

Inspection date: 14 October 2024

This monitoring visit

This children's home was judged inadequate at the full inspection on 22 and 23 July 2024. Following this monitoring visit, Ofsted has made a new full inspection judgement in line with the inspection framework. The children's home's new full inspection judgement is requires improvement to be good.

Following a monitoring visit on 3 September 2024, Ofsted served a compliance notice under regulation 12, the protection of children standard. During this monitoring visit, the inspector found that the provider has met the steps set out in the compliance notice.

Since the last monitoring visit, leaders have followed up a safeguarding matter with the relevant agencies. This ensures that when children make allegations of harm against staff, there is thorough and independent oversight of how concerns raised are managed.

Leaders have provided Ofsted with regular updates on the outcome of incidents that happened before the last full inspection. This has been done without delay.

Leaders have ensured that an independent person visits the children's home in person at least once each month. The independent person has provided a report to the relevant people following this visit.

The home is being maintained and prepared to be able to provide a suitable environment for children in the future. The responsible individual is realistic about the home and plans to recruit a new manager and additional staff before accepting children to live at the home. The responsible individual has taken reasonable steps to recruit a manager, and this process is ongoing.

The staff are working in other homes owned by the organisation. Staff have attended weekly practice guidance sessions with the responsible individual. Further training for staff and leaders in safeguarding has been provided by an external organisation. Staff say that the training motivates them to help children and that they understand the content.

Since the last monitoring visit, leaders have met with external organisations to review their safeguarding policies and practice. Leaders say that they found this useful.

The previous recommendation regarding children's health was outside the scope of this visit and is therefore restated.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
22/07/2024	Full	Inadequate
04/07/2023	Full	Good
09/11/2022	Full	Good
17/08/2021	Full	Outstanding

What does the children's home need to do to improve?

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that each child's day-to-day health and well-being needs are met. In particular, ensure that children receive appropriate support with their health appointments and prescriptions. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 33, paragraph 7.3)

Information about this inspection

The purpose of this visit was to monitor the provider's action to address the steps in the compliance notice.

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

Children's home details

Unique reference number: SC477900

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Care Focus Limited

Registered provider address: 2nd Floor, 168 Shoreditch High Street, London E1 6RA

Responsible individual: Chelsea Bailey

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Natalie Day, Social Care Inspector

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