

SC480655

Registered provider: The Place Young People's Company

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is owned and operated by a private company. It is registered to provide care for up to four children who may experience social and emotional difficulties.

Since the last inspection, no children have moved in or out of the home. At the time of the inspection, three children were living at the home. The inspector spoke with two of the children.

The home is currently being managed by an interim manager. The manager is not registered with Ofsted.

Inspection date: 3 September 2025

This monitoring visit

The purpose of this monitoring visit was to monitor compliance following enforcement action taken after the last full inspection. Compliance notices were issued under regulations 12 and 13. Ofsted also imposed a restriction of accommodation notice.

The interim manager has produced an action plan that specifies how they intend to meet the identified shortfalls in safeguarding, and leadership and management. This action plan is being put into practice, and progress is being made.

Improvements have been made to safeguarding practices. The risks that children are exposed to are clearly documented in children's safety plans. Risk management plans are up to date and inform staff what to do.

All staff have completed additional training, such as safeguarding, whistle-blowing and understanding professional boundaries. Their learning is being monitored and reviewed by the manager through quizzes and scenario-based questions. Staff

supervisions are more frequent, providing regular opportunities for the manager to assess and support staff competence.

The manager ensures that there are enough staff on duty to supervise children safely. Additional safeguarding measures have been put in place to keep children safe throughout the night. For example, there are now waking night staff and an effective door alarm system in place.

The manager and staff support children to build positive relationships with each other. The manager has implemented effective systems that monitor the daily dynamics between children so that any issues of bullying are quickly identified and addressed. Children are supported to do activities together, and adults have regular discussions with children about healthy and positive relationships.

The manager has effective oversight and quality assurance systems in place. She knows what is happening in the home daily. Regular internal and external audits are undertaken, and areas of shortfall are promptly identified and addressed.

All the steps in the compliance notices have been met and the restriction of accommodation has been lifted. Ofsted is satisfied that the necessary steps are being taken to address the shortfalls identified at the last inspection. The requirements and recommendation will be reviewed at the next full inspection and have been restated.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
21/07/2025	Full	Inadequate
13/08/2024	Full	Good
07/11/2023	Full	Good
29/11/2022	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 must take to meet the Care Standards Act 2000, The Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards'. The registered person must comply with the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
The registered person must make arrangements for the handling, recording, safekeeping, safe administration and disposal of medicines received into the children's home. In particular the registered person must ensure that— medicine which is prescribed for a child is administered as prescribed to the child for whom it is prescribed and to no other child; and a record is kept of the administration of medicine to each child. (Regulation 23 (1) (2)(b)(c)) In particular, ensure that medication is administered to children safely as per their care plans, and the recording of medication given or refused is completed. This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.	30 September 2025
The registered person must recruit staff using recruitment procedures that are designed to ensure children's safety. The registered person may only— employ an individual to work at the children's home; or if an individual is employed by a person other than the registered person to work at the home in a position in which the individual may have regular contact with children, allow that individual to work at the home, if the individual satisfies the requirements in paragraph (3). The requirements are that— the individual has the appropriate experience, qualification and skills for the work that the individual is to perform;	30 September 2025

full and satisfactory information is available in relation to the individual in respect of each of the matters in Schedule 2.

For the purposes of paragraph (3)(b), an individual who works in the home in a care role has the appropriate qualification if, by the relevant date, the individual has attained—

the Level 3 Diploma for Residential Childcare (England) ("the Level 3 Diploma"); or

a qualification which the registered person considers to be equivalent to the Level 3 Diploma.

(Regulation 32 (1) (2)(a)(b)(3)(b)(d) (4)(a)(b))

In particular, ensure that proof of relevant qualifications is received and recorded on file as part of safer recruitment checks.

This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that staff are familiar with the home's policies on record-keeping, and understand the importance of careful, objective and clear recording. Staff should record information on individual children in a non-stigmatising way that distinguishes between fact, opinion and third-party information. Information about the child must always be recorded in a way that will be helpful to the child. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards,' page 62, paragraph 14.4)

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: SC480655

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: The Place Young People's Company

Registered provider address: 2 Lymeale Court, Lyme Drive, Parklands, Stoke-on-Trent ST4 6NW

Responsible individual: James Binyon

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Emma Dacres, Social Care Inspector

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