

Children's homes – Monitoring visit

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This monitoring visit.

This monitoring visit follows a declined effectiveness judgement at the interim inspection on 24 November 2016.

The two compliance notices that were issued relate to Regulation 12 (The protection of children standard). The conclusion of the visit is that the compliance notices have been met.

A new manager is in post and has contributed to meeting the action plan developed by the organisation following the interim inspection.

Staff members highlighted that the new management structure introduced following the interim inspection has allowed them to develop greater confidence in managing the challenging behaviours of the young people. Staff members have all received supervision and they have attended a series of team meetings to address the significant shortfalls in their knowledge about safeguarding procedures. Staff have also attended training specifically around recognising and managing the risks of child sexual exploitation. Further training to develop staff's knowledge and confidence is planned to start at the beginning of February 2017.

A review of the young people's risk assessments and files indicates that these have been updated. The risk assessments are individually tailored to the needs of the young people. There are specific risk assessments and behaviour management plans for the young people who are often missing from home and who are subject to child sexual exploitation.

Staff have implemented tighter structures and routines for young people, enabling better engagement with staff. Young people have been missing on two separate occasions prior to this monitoring visit. This is a huge reduction since the last inspection. Audits of the paperwork at the monitoring visit identified an adequate response to the episodes of going missing.

Young people's school attendance, while still low, is slowly improving. There is also an improved relationship between the staff in the home and the school. Staff have introduced more creative ways to encourage attendance including ensuring that the young people's interests and hobbies are linked to their education programme. One young person is completing a beauty course.

Information about this children's home

This home is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to four young people who have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties. The home opened in April 2016 and specifically aims to meet the needs of young people who have been subjected to child sexual exploitation.

There is provision for on-site education.

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.

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