

# SC486879

**PJL Healthcare Limited**

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

## **Information about this children's home**

This privately owned children's home is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to five children. The statement of purpose states that the home accommodates children and young people 'with mild to moderate learning disabilities, autistic spectrum disorder, ADHD, social/emotional difficulties and associated challenging behaviours, to include attachment disorders, post-traumatic stress disorders and mental health problems'.

The registered manager is on maternity leave.

**Inspection date:** 10 July 2018

## **This monitoring visit**

This monitoring visit was conducted following Ofsted's receipt of a safeguarding notification that raised serious concerns about the safety and welfare of two young people. A series of serious incidents had occurred in the home. These were not known by staff until one young person made a disclosure. The findings of this visit question the matching of the placement for one young person and the leaders' and managers' actions to ensure a suitable plan of care.

At this visit, the inspector examined relevant records, including those of the actions taken, and spoke with staff, leaders and managers, as well as placing social workers

The inspector identified the following shortfalls:

- The initial referral information for one young person was not explored with sufficient rigour when there were grounds for doing so.
- Safeguarding mechanisms were ineffective and not reviewed, despite additional information being received by leaders and managers during the full

inspection in May 2018. This was a significant missed opportunity.

- Leaders and managers delayed acting on their decision to end one young person's placement. Consequently, young people with incompatible needs have continued to live together.
- Following the disclosures, some work was completed to update risk assessments for the young people. This process is weak and has been completed in isolation; risk assessments are not linked to individual care plans nor to the home's locality risk assessment.

Gaps and omissions with regards to admissions' practice, risk management and the delay in taking sufficient action to promote young people's safety and well-being have resulted in a requirement being made under regulation 12.'

## Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
01/05/2018	Full	Good
16/05/2017	Full	Good
05/10/2016	Full	Good
04/05/2016	Interim	Improved effectiveness

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

### Statutory requirements

This section sets out the actions that the registered person(s) must take to meet the Care Standards Act 2000, Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards'. The registered person(s) must comply within the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
<p>The protection of children standard is that children are protected from harm and enabled to keep themselves safe.</p> <p>In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure—</p> <p>that staff—</p> <p>help each child to understand how to keep safe;</p> <p>manage relationships between children to prevent them from harming each other;</p> <p>take effective action whenever there is a serious concern about a child's welfare. (Regulation 12 (2)(ii)(iv)(vi))</p>	24/08/2018

### Information about this inspection

The purpose of this visit was for Ofsted to examine the safeguarding practices of the staff, following a series of serious incidents that occurred at the home.

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

## **Children's home details**

**Unique reference number:** SC486879

**Provision sub-type:** Children's home

**Registered provider:** PJJ Healthcare Limited

**Registered provider address:** Mayfield House, East Street, Mayfield, East Sussex  
TN20 6TZ

**Responsible individual:** Paul Sellars

**Registered manager:** Amy Robinson

### **Inspector:**

Sarah Olliver, social care inspector

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