

# 1250287

## **Acorn Children's Home (Branston) 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 for up to four children who have moved following a breakdown in either their fostering or residential placement, or who are required to live away from home.

The registered manager resigned in October 2018. Since this time, the home has had two managers. The first manager applied to be the registered manager with Ofsted but withdrew his application in November 2018. The second manager came into post in February 2019 and resigned in May 2019 without becoming the registered manager.

A new manager has now been appointed. He is due to start in post on 8 July 2019 and has submitted his application to be the registered manager.

**Inspection date:** 2 July 2019

### **This monitoring visit**

This visit took place to monitor the progress made by managers to meet two compliance notices and to ensure that the organisation has continued to be compliant with the suspension and restriction of accommodation notices currently in place.

The organisation has adhered to both notices. As a result, there are no children currently living at the home.

This visit found that both compliance notices have now been met. Staff have now received training in autism spectrum disorder, first aid and physical restraint. This training has enabled the staff to increase their knowledge and skills in key areas of their work with children.

Concerns about senior managers visiting the home and taking children out have been addressed. The organisation has introduced a new policy that prevents anyone other than care staff and childcare professionals coming into the home without staff supervision.

A new and experienced manager has been appointed and is scheduled to start from 8 July 2019. He has already submitted his application to be the home's next registered manager.

All recruitment files have been audited by the organisation and now have the necessary checks to show that staff working with children are safe to do so.

Given the level of progress made by senior managers, Ofsted has made the decision to lift the suspension and the restriction of accommodation notices. The home has been redecorated to make it more comfortable and welcoming in readiness for new children.

The one remaining requirement will be reviewed at a future inspection.

## Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
17/07/2018	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(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 quality and purpose of care standard is that children receive care from staff who understand the children’s home’s overall aims and the outcomes it seeks to achieve for children; use this understanding to deliver care that meets children’s needs and supports them to fulfil their potential. In particular, the requires the registered person to ensure that staff help each child to understand and manage the impact of any experience of abuse or neglect. (Regulation 6(1)(a)(b)(2)(b)(v))</p> <p>With particular reference to undertaking key work with a young person who experienced an abusive relationship with a staff member.</p>	09/08/2019

### 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:** 1250287

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

**Registered provider:** Acorn Children's Home (Branston) Limited

**Registered provider address:** Claremont House, 223 Branston Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire DE14 3BT

**Responsible individual:** Farzana Khan

**Registered manager:** Vacant post

### **Inspector**

Louise Whittle, social care inspector

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