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Registered provider: Invested Childcare Limited

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is run by a private organisation and is registered for the care and accommodation of up to four children and young people who may have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

Inspection date: 14 October 2019

Judgement at last inspection: good

Date of last inspection: 16 April 2019

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

This inspection

The effectiveness of the home and the progress and experiences of children and young people since the most recent full inspection

This home was judged good at the last full inspection.
At the interim inspection, Ofsted judges that it has improved effectiveness.

Children and young people are safe in this home and making good progress from their starting points. The manager and the staff team are aspirational for children and young people and what they can achieve while living in the home and when they move on.

Educational placements are well attended and there is progress noted for all children and young people.

The home itself has benefited from some improvements including a new conservatory which offers two additional rooms, one of which is used for computer gaming. However, there are signs of damage around the home which need to be addressed in a timely manner. There are three fire doors that are not closing appropriately to give full protection against risk caused by smoke and these need to be addressed urgently. A

requirement has been made to address this hazard, as well as that posed by the overgrown garden and perimeter path areas.

The risk assessment for the locality of the home has been reviewed and appropriate information added. The assessment would benefit from an evaluation of the risks highlighted, and a recommendation has been made to address this.

Staff, including the manager, are receiving a good level of supervision which offers opportunity for reflection on incidents as well as covering standard items. Training has improved since the last inspection and staff are appropriately qualified or, if they are newly recruited, are within timescales for completion.

There have been no admissions or discharges since the full inspection. Therefore, the requirements made in connection with this could not be fully evaluated and have been reissued. All other requirements and recommendations were met.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
16/04/2019	Full	Good
30/10/2018	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, the 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—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ensure that staff— provide to children living in the home the physical necessities they need in order to live there comfortably. (Regulation 	15/11/2019

<p>6(1)(2)(b)(vii))</p> <p>In particular, ensure that required repairs are responded to in a timely manner and that the garden area is made safe.</p>	
<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 the premises used for the purposes of the home are designed, furnished and maintained so as to protect each child from avoidable hazards to the child’s health. (Regulation 12(1)(2)(d))</p> <p>In particular, ensure that fire doors fit and close appropriately. Systems must be in place to ensure that the building is secure at all times.</p>	<p>15/11/2019</p>
<p>The care planning standard is that children—</p> <p>receive effectively planned care in or through the children’s home; and</p> <p>have a positive experience of arriving at or moving on from the home.</p> <p>In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure—</p> <p>that children are admitted to the home only if their needs are within the range of needs of children for whom it is intended that the home is to provide care and accommodation, as set out in the home’s statement of purpose;</p> <p>that arrangements are in place to—</p> <p>ensure the effective induction of each child into the home;</p> <p>manage and review the placement of each child in the home;</p> <p>and plan for, and help, each child to prepare to leave the home or to move into adult care in a way that is consistent with arrangements agreed with the child’s placing authority. (Regulation 14(1)(2)(b)(i)(ii)(iii))</p>	<p>15/11/2019</p>

Recommendations

- When establishing the home, the registered person must ensure that it is suitably located so that children are effectively safeguarded and can access services to meet needs identified in their relevant plans (see regulations 12(2)(c)). Under regulation 46, the registered person should review the appropriateness and suitability of the location and premises of the home at least once a year. The review should include the identification of any risks and opportunities presented

by the home's location and strategies for managing these. Providers should refer to the non-statutory advice about the location assessment process: Children's homes regulation amendments 2014: Advice for children's homes providers on new duties under regulations that came in to effect in January and April 2014. ('Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards', page 64, paragraph 15.1)

In particular, ensure that an evaluation of the identified risks is added to the assessment.

Information about this inspection

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people. Inspectors considered the quality of work and the differences made to the lives of children and young people. They watched how professional staff work with children and young people and each other and discussed the effectiveness of help and care provided. Wherever possible, they talked to children and young people and their families. In addition, the inspectors have tried to understand what the children's home knows about how well it is performing, how well it is doing and what difference it is making for the children and young people whom it is trying to help, protect and look after.

This inspection focused on the effectiveness of the home and the progress and experiences of children and young people since the most recent full inspection.

Using the 'Social care common inspection framework', this inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000 to assess the effectiveness of the service, how it meets the core functions of the service as set out in legislation, and to consider how well it complies with the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards'.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 1276421

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered manager: Emma Welburn

Inspector

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