

1242116

Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This local authority children's home provides care and accommodation for up to four young people who may have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

The manager has been registered with Ofsted since March 2019. He is the registered manager for another children's residential service within the same local authority.

Inspection date: 23 January 2020

This monitoring visit

During an interim inspection on 3 December 2019, serious shortfalls were found in safeguarding practice and in leadership and management. As a result, Ofsted issued three compliance notices in relation to: regulation 10, the health and well-being standard; regulation 12, the protection of children standard; and regulation 13, the leadership and management standard.

A monitoring visit was undertaken on 23 January 2020, to assess the actions taken by the provider to comply with the three notices. During this visit, the inspector found that the provider had not taken sufficient action to comply with the three notices.

In addition to this, some further serious safeguarding shortfalls were identified which demonstrated that the registered manager and staff were not able to keep the young people safe from harm.

The provider acknowledged the seriousness of the identified shortfalls and made the decision to move the young people to more suitable accommodation and temporarily close the home.

As a result, a condition has been imposed on the home's registration that requires the provider to inform Ofsted of their intention to accommodate children at the home at least three months before any child is accommodated.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
03/12/2019	Interim	Declined in effectiveness
07/05/2019	Full	Good
12/09/2018	Full	Requires improvement to be good
23/02/2018	Interim	Sustained 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 education standard is that children make measurable progress towards achieving their educational potential and are helped to do so.</p> <p>In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure that staff help each child to attend education or training in accordance with the expectations in the child's relevant plans. (Regulation 8(1)(2)(a)(x))</p>	20/01/2020
<p>* The health and well-being standard is that the health and well-being needs of children are met; children receive advice, services and support in relation to their health and well-being; and children are helped to lead healthy lifestyles. (Regulation 10(1)(2)(a)(b)(c))</p>	20/01/2020
<p>The positive relationships standard is that children are helped to develop, and to benefit from, relationships based on mutual respect and trust; an understanding about acceptable behaviour; and positive responses to other children and adults. (Regulation 11(1))</p>	20/01/2020
<p>* The protection of children standard is that children are protected from harm and enabled to keep themselves safe.</p> <p>(2) In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure that staff—</p> <p>assess whether each child is at risk of harm, taking into account information in the child's relevant plans, and, if necessary, make arrangements to reduce the risk of any harm to the child;</p> <p>help each child to understand how to keep safe;</p>	20/01/2020

<p>take effective action whenever there is a serious concern about a child's welfare; and</p> <p>that the home's day-to-day care is arranged and delivered so as to keep each child safe and to protect each child effectively from harm. (Regulation 12(1)(2)(a)(i)(ii)(vi)(b))</p>	
<p>*</p> <p>The leadership and management standard is that the registered person enables, inspires and leads a culture in relation to the children's home that helps children aspire to fulfil their potential; and promotes their welfare.</p> <p>In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to—</p> <p>lead and manage the home in a way that is consistent with the approach and ethos, and delivers the outcomes, set out in the home's statement of purpose;</p> <p>ensure that staff work as a team where appropriate;</p> <p>ensure that staff have the experience, qualifications and skills to meet the needs of each child;</p> <p>understand the impact that the quality of care provided in the home is having on the progress and experiences of each child and use this understanding to inform the development of the quality of care provided in the home. (Regulation 13(1)(2)(a)(b)(c)(f))</p>	20/01/2020
<p>The registered person must notify HMCI and each other relevant person without delay if an incident requiring police involvement occurs in relation to a child which the registered person considers to be serious. (Regulation 40(4)(b))</p>	20/01/2020
<p>The registered person must supply to HMCI a copy of the quality of care report within 28 days of the date on which the quality of care review is completed. (Regulation 45(4)(a))</p>	20/01/2020

*These requirements are subject to a compliance notice.

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

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Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered manager: Martyn Swindell

Inspector

Marina Tully, social care inspector

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