

1244413

Registered provider: No. 57 Limited

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is run by a private organisation and is registered for the care and accommodation of up to three children and young people who have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties. The manager has been registered since December 2018 and is suitably qualified for the role.

Inspection date: 27 February 2020

Date of last inspection: 13 November 2019

Judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection:

Two compliance notices have been served to this home to address breaches in regulations. Areas of concern relate to the protection of children standard and the leadership and management standard. The date for compliance for these is not yet reached and therefore they are not commented on in this report.

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 sustained effectiveness.

The home has been unsettled since the last full inspection, resulting in two children leaving the home in an unplanned way.

Some of the current children go missing from the home. For one child, significant concerns about their involvement in risky behaviour in the community have been raised by the staff. Managers and staff are determined to learn from this experience. As a result, staff have undertaken additional training to improve their skills and knowledge. This will help them to improve their understanding of how to keep children better protected.

The manager is committed to making sure children are increasingly safe and has made some improvements to the risk assessments. However, the location risk assessment for the home is not up to date. Additionally, the manager has not requested return home interviews each time children go missing from the home.

Recently, the atmosphere in the home has become much calmer. Damage to the home has been repaired and other areas have been redecorated and refurbished. The outside spaces of the home have been tidied and work is underway to improve the back garden. The addition of new furniture and a fireplace give the home a homely feel. As a result, children can feel increasingly safe and nurtured.

Staff have worked closely with the children to help them engage with schools that will fully meet their needs. Staff have continued to work with other agencies to ensure that suitable alternative education arrangements are in place. Maintaining routines and continuing to learn new skills helps children to successfully move into new schools. This improves the children's opportunities in later life.

Staff have a good understanding of the therapeutic needs of children. They work in collaboration with social workers and child and adolescent mental health services to ensure that children receive support to improve their emotional well-being. In addition, staff are creative in the way that they help children to communicate how they are feeling. Investing time in understanding how children feel helps staff to provide the best possible care.

Staff encourage children to follow their interests and take part in clubs and activities in the community such as swimming and girl guides. Enjoying these activities helps children to be fitter and healthier. Additionally, supporting children in this way helps them to develop friendships, confidence and important social skills that will increase their social networks.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
13/11/2019	Full	Good
05/03/2019	Interim	Sustained effectiveness
12/06/2018	Full	Requires improvement to be good
13/03/2018	Full	Inadequate

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 registered person must review the appropriateness and suitability of the location of the premises used for the purposes of the children's home at least once in each calendar year taking into account the requirement in regulation 12(2)(c) (the protection of children standard).</p> <p>When conducting the review, the registered person must consult, and take into account the views of, each relevant person. (Regulation 46 (1)(2))</p>	02/04/2020

Recommendations

- The home should play a full part in promoting the best interests of the child, proactively advocating for the child to ensure that others play their role and deliver the high quality support that is needed. Such partnership working should always take place: before a child arrives; while the child lives in the home and where the child prepares to return home, move to another setting or leave care. Where a placement is made in an emergency, the registered person should quickly engage with relevant persons to provide the best immediate care. ('Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards', page 11, paragraph 2.4)

In particular the manager should be proactive in requesting that return home interviews are offered when a child returns after being missing from the home.

Information about this inspection

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.

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people, 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: 1244413

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: No. 57 Limited

Registered provider address: Rouse House, Wyther Lane, Leeds LS5 3BT

Responsible individual: David Hitchen

Registered manager: Alison List

Inspector

Mark Proffitt, Social Care Inspector

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