

SC033502

City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

A local authority operates and runs this home. It provides care and accommodation for up to four children and young people who have emotional and/or behavioural needs. The manager was registered in May 2020.

Inspection date: 5 May 2020

This monitoring visit

Ofsted is aware of the challenges that COVID-19 (coronavirus) is currently posing to those we regulate. During this visit, the inspector took into consideration the impact of any measures being taken to slow the spread of COVID-19 by the home. The visit went ahead remotely.

This children's home was judged declined in effectiveness at an interim inspection on 12 March 2020. Three compliance notices were issued under regulation 12, 13 and 40. Following this monitoring visit, Ofsted considers that the conditions under the compliance notices have been met.

The manager has reviewed risk assessments and risk management processes. Risk assessments identify known risks with details of how to mitigate risk of harm. Staff have received refresher training regarding policies and procedures linked to safeguarding processes. This includes training around the relevant agencies to be notified of safeguarding concerns including the local area designated officer and Ofsted. This means that children and young people are better protected, as staff are familiar with relevant protocols that aim to keep children and young people safe.

The manager has sourced training around contextual safeguarding, awareness of self-harmful behaviour, as well as other training specific to meet the individual needs

of the children and young people in their care. This means that children and young people receive support from a staff team that has skills and knowledge to recognise risk of harm and respond accordingly. The effectiveness of this will be considered at the home's next inspection.

Consultation with children and young people has improved since the interim inspection. Records detail the direct work that has been undertaken with children and young people, their expressed views and how staff will respond. This provides reassuring messages to children and young people, offering a consistent approach to how they will be cared for.

The manager has reviewed his monitoring systems and there is a greater focus on mapping progress and achievements for children and young people. This is in its early stages of being implemented and the effectiveness is not yet known. This will be considered at the home's next inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
12/03/2020	Interim	Declined in effectiveness
21/05/2019	Full	Requires improvement to be good
07/03/2019	Interim	Declined in effectiveness
11/07/2018	Full	Requires improvement to be good

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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: SC033502

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council

Registered provider address: City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council, City Hall, Centenary Square, Bradford, West Yorkshire BD1 1HY

Responsible individual: Mark Trinder

Registered manager: Wayne Gates

Inspector: Jacqueline Tate, social care inspector

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