

1236278

Priory Education Services Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This children's home provides care for up to three children. The home is part of a large, national organisation.

Inspection date: 21 April 2020

This monitoring visit

During the current COVID-19 (coronavirus) crisis, Ofsted is not carrying out routine inspections of social care provisions. When Ofsted has judged a service to be high risk, we need to determine what activity is needed to mitigate the risk.

This report outlines the steps taken to assess what action has been taken since the last inspection, and the current level of risk.

This monitoring inspection was conducted remotely and did not include a visit to the home. Telephone conversations took place with the current manager and responsible individual, and relevant documentation was reviewed.

Since the end of March 2019, no children have lived in the home and it has not been inspected since that time. On 1 April 2019, Ofsted imposed a condition that the registered person must inform Ofsted of any intention to admit children three months before children start living in the home. Managers have fully cooperated with this condition and have regularly updated Ofsted on progress made.

Requirements made at the previous inspection have been reviewed by managers and the organisation has focused on 'lessons learned' relating to previous concerns raised. This year, significant staff changes have been made. These changes have included the appointment of a new responsible individual, as well as a new manager, deputy and staff team. Refurbishments and redecoration have been carried out, and photographs were provided as evidence.

Managers have stated that safer recruitment procedures and induction programmes have been followed. The organisation has provided an array of training courses for staff so that they are prepared for admitting new children. The current manager reported that regular supervision is carried out in accordance with the home's procedures.

The home's independent visitor has completed monthly visits and these reports have been submitted to Ofsted. The reports have confirmed that the home has not admitted children and have described the training activity that staff have undertaken, as well as the recent refurbishment of the home.

On 31 March 2020, Ofsted agreed an application made by the responsible individual to request the condition be removed. Ofsted also approved a request to reduce the number of children that the home is registered for, from four to three.

Following this off-site monitoring activity, the evidence provided for Ofsted indicates that there are no serious and/or widespread failures that leave children being harmed, at risk of harm, or their welfare not being safeguarded.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
29/11/2018	Full	Inadequate
10/10/2018	Full	Inadequate
04/07/2018	Full	Inadequate
04/05/2017	Full	Requires improvement to be good

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: 1236278

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Priory Education Services Limited

Registered provider address: Priory Group, Fifth Floor, 80 Hammersmith Road,
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Responsible individual: Nancy O'Regan

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Sarah Canto, social care inspector

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