

1216505

Hennessy Living Group Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

Ofsted is aware of the challenges that COVID-19 (coronavirus) is currently posing to those we regulate. During this visit, the inspectors took into consideration the impact of any measures being taken to slow the spread of COVID-19 by the home. This has included the effect these have had on staffing arrangements and the current attendance of the children and young people.

The home is owned by a private company. It is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to five children or young people who have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties. The manager has been registered with Ofsted since December 2019.

Inspection date: 25 June 2020

This monitoring visit

This monitoring visit was undertaken following a complaint received by Ofsted about potential breaches in regulation. The inspectors subsequently found shortfalls in care planning and the physical environment of the home.

One child admitted to the home had been inappropriately matched with the other children and the skills of the staff team. The manager acknowledges this, and notice has been served on the placement. A requirement has been issued to ensure that the home's leadership and management team improves matching and admission processes. This is to enable children to receive effectively planned care in accordance with the home's statement of purpose.

The overall appearance of the home requires improvement. Shortfalls were noted in the home's general appearance, which required attention and redecoration. This

means that children's experience of living in a warm and homely environment is affected and this leads to their feeling under-valued.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
28/01/2020	Interim	Improved effectiveness
07/05/2019	Full	Requires improvement to be good
29/01/2019	Full	Requires improvement to be good
22/01/2018	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, 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 care planning standard is that children- receive effectively planned care in or through the children's home.</p> <p>In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure- 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. (Regulation 14(1)(a)(2)(a))</p>	<p>28/07/2020</p>

Recommendations

- For children's homes to be nurturing and supportive environments that meet the needs of their children, they will, in most cases, be homely, domestic environments. Children's homes must comply with relevant health and safety legislations (alarms, food, hygiene etc.); however, in doing so, homes should seek as far as possible to maintain a domestic rather than 'institutional' impression. ('Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards', page 15, paragraph 3.9)

Information about this inspection

The purpose of this visit was to monitor practice following concerns raised in a complaint.

This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 1216505

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Hennessy Living Group Limited

Registered provider address: Helme Hall, Helme Lane, Helme, Holmfirth, West Yorkshire HD9 5RL

Responsible individual: Christopher Goundry

Registered manager: Margaret Jameson

Inspectors

Michael Dack, social care inspector

Miss Jacqueline Tate, social care inspector

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