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Priory Education Services Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is run by a large national organisation. The home provides care for up to five children who have emotional, behavioural, social and mild mental health difficulties. The manager was registered by Ofsted in April 2020.

Inspection date: 20 July 2020

This monitoring visit

This monitoring visit has been undertaken remotely due to guidance relating to COVID-19 (coronavirus). The purpose of the monitoring visit was to establish if the provider has made suitable arrangements for the home to resume operating following a six-month period of closure.

This children's home was judged good at the full inspection on 13 September 2018.

The home continued to be registered with Ofsted during the period of closure. No children have lived at the home since. External monitoring has been maintained and the new responsible individual has kept Ofsted up to date about the developments at the home.

The provider has demonstrated, through the information they have supplied to the inspector and the virtual tour of the home, that they have suitable resources to resume operation in line with the home's statement of purpose.

The requirements and recommendations from the last full inspection remain and will be reviewed at the next full inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
13/09/2018	Full	Good
10/08/2017	Interim	Declined in effectiveness
31/05/2017	Full	Good
23/11/2016	Full	Good

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 registered person must ensure that—</p> <p>within 48 hours of the use of a measure of control, discipline or restraint in relation to a child in the home the registered person, or a person who is authorised by the registered person to do so ('the authorised person')—</p> <p>has spoken to the user about the measure; and</p> <p>has signed the record to confirm it is accurate; and</p> <p>within 5 days of the use of the measure, the registered person or the authorised person adds to the record confirmation that they have spoken to the child about the measure.</p> <p>(Regulation 35 (3)(b)(i)(ii)(c))</p>	28/08/2020
<p>The registered person must complete a review of the quality of care provided for children ("a quality of care review") at least once every 6 months.</p> <p>The registered person must—</p> <p>supply to HMCI a copy of the quality of care review report within 28 days of the date on which the quality of care review is completed. (Regulation 45 (1)(4)(a))</p>	29/01/2021

Recommendations

- Staff must help each child to prepare for any moves from the home, whether they are returning home, moving to another placement or adult care, or to live independently. This includes supporting the child to develop emotional and mental resilience to cope without the home's support and, when the child is moving to live independently, practical skills such as cooking, housework, budgeting and

personal self-care. ('Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards', page 17, paragraph 3.27)

- Children must be consulted regularly on their views about the home's care, to inform and support continued improvement in the quality of care provided. ('Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards', page 22, paragraph 4.11)

In particular, gather the children's views effectively.

- As set out in regulations 31-33, the registered person is responsible for maintaining good employment practice. They must ensure that recruitment, supervision and performance management of staff safeguards children and minimises potential risks to them. ('Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards', page 61, paragraph 13.1)

In particular, ensure that the records of all safe recruitment checks are easily accessible.

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: 1234621

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Priory Education Services Limited

Registered provider address: Priory Group, 80 Hammersmith Road, Middlesex W14 8UD

Responsible individual: Leon Brandon

Registered manager: Alison Sherman

Inspector

Cathy Russell, social care inspector

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