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Horizon Care and Education Group Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is privately run and is registered to provide care for four children or young people with emotional and behavioural difficulties and mild to moderate learning disabilities. The home offers short-, medium- or long-term residential placements for children and young people of either gender.

The registered manager has been in post since February 2019. However, they are currently absent from the home. Interim management arrangements are in place.

The inspector was aware during this visit that a serious incident which had occurred at the setting since the previous inspection was under investigation by the appropriate authorities. While Ofsted does not have the power to investigate incidents of this kind, actions taken by the setting in response to the incidents were considered (where appropriate) alongside other evidence available at the time of the visit to inform the inspector's judgements.

Inspection date: 25 January 2021

This monitoring visit

At the assurance visit on 15 and 16 December 2020, the inspectors found serious and widespread concerns within several areas of practice relating to the care and support that children receive. As a result, children were found to be at risk of harm.

Ofsted issued two compliance notices under section 22 of the Care Standards Act 2000. These were in relation to regulation 12 and regulation 13. In addition, a condition of registration was imposed, identifying that the provider must give Ofsted three months' notice of their intention to admit any children.

This visit took place to assess the provider's response to address the two compliance notices. The inspector completed the visit remotely because the home is closed with no children living there.

The provider has acknowledged the significant failings that Ofsted identified at the last visit and has put in place an action plan to rectify these. During this visit, the responsible individual provided the inspector with supplementary information to show what progress has been made in response to the two compliance notices.

The provider and responsible individual have made some progress. However, not enough time has elapsed since the last visit to enable the provider and responsible individual to fully embed the required measures identified in their action plan. As a result, both compliance notices are not met and have been reissued. A second monitoring visit will need to occur in order to fully assess the progress made.

The additional requirements raised at the last inspection have not been reviewed at this visit. These will be explored at the next inspection.

Recent inspection history

| Inspection date | Inspection type | Inspection judgement |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 03/03/2020 | Full | Good |
| 11/04/2019 | Interim | Sustained effectiveness |
| 09/01/2019 | Full | Requires improvement to be good |
| 28/11/2017 | 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 |
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| <p>*The protection of children standard is that children are protected from harm and enabled to keep themselves safe.</p> <p>In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure—</p> <p>that staff—</p> <p>assess whether each child is at risk of harm, taking into account information in the child's relevant plans, and, if necessary, make arrangements to reduce the risk of any harm to the child;</p> <p>understand the roles and responsibilities in relation to protecting children that are assigned to them by the registered person;</p> <p>take effective action whenever there is a serious concern about a child's welfare; and</p> <p>are familiar with, and act in accordance with, the home's child protection policies;</p> <p>that the home's day-to-day care is arranged and delivered so as to keep each child safe and to protect each child effectively from harm. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(a)(i)(v)(vi)(vii))</p> | 28 March 2021 |
| <p>*The leadership and management standard is that the registered person enables, inspires and leads a culture in relation to the children's home that—</p> <p>helps children aspire to fulfil their potential; and</p> <p>promotes their welfare.</p> <p>In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to—</p> | 28 March 2021 |

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| <p>lead and manage the home in a way that is consistent with the approach and ethos, and delivers the outcomes, set out in the home's statement of purpose;</p> <p>use monitoring and review systems to make continuous improvements in the quality of care provided in the home. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(a)(h))</p> | |
| <p>The care planning standard is that children—</p> <p>receive effectively planned care in or through the children's home; and</p> <p>have a positive experience of arriving at or moving on from the home.</p> <p>In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure—</p> <p>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;</p> <p>that arrangements are in place to—</p> <p>ensure the effective induction of each child into the home;</p> <p>manage and review the placement of each child in the home; and</p> <p>plan for, and help, each child to prepare to leave the home or to move into adult care in a way that is consistent with arrangements agreed with the child's placing authority. (Regulation 14 (1)(a)(b) (2)(a)(b)(i)(ii)(iii))</p> | 28 March 2021 |
| <p>The registered person must notify HMCI and each other relevant person without delay if—</p> <p>there is any other incident relating to a child which the registered person considers to be serious. (Regulation 40 (4)(e))</p> | 28 March 2021 |

*These requirements are subject to a compliance notice.

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

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Provision sub-type: Children's home

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