

SC423753

Ruskin Mill Trust Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is operated by a charitable trust and is part of a specialist school. It is registered as a children's home and can provide care and accommodation for up to five children and/or young people for between 38 and 52 weeks of the year.

The children and/or young people have a range of complex needs, particularly autism spectrum disorder, including Asperger syndrome, attachment disorder, pathological demand avoidance syndrome (PDA) and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

The registered manager left the home in October 2020. A new manager has been appointed but has yet to apply to register with Ofsted.

Inspection date: 2 February 2021

This monitoring visit

Due to the restrictions in place relating to COVID-19 (coronavirus) this visit was carried out off-site. The visit was to investigate the effectiveness of the home's admission process and management oversight. The visit included review of documents, discussions with children, staff and relevant professionals.

Ofsted last visited the home on 10 March 2020 to complete a full inspection.

The registered manager left the home in October 2020. A new manager was appointed in October 2020; however, he did not commence his role until January 2021. The provider did notify Ofsted that a new manager had been appointed. However, to date, the new manager has yet to apply to register with Ofsted.

Children develop positive and trusting relationships with staff. Children know their carers well and develop confidence in the staff team. One child told the inspector that staff support her to do well in every aspect of her life, including her independence and maintaining her hobbies and interests.

Professional feedback is positive and highlights that children are well supported by staff to make progress relative to their starting points. Comments include, 'Staff provide a good level of care and support to the children in placement, and the staff team work consistently together to meet the holistic care and development needs of the children.'

The statement of purpose has recently been updated. This document does not include the details of new staff members or their experience and qualifications. This is required by the regulations to show that staff have the skills and experience they need to meet children's needs.

The quality of impact risk assessments relating to the suitability of children to live together is variable. More work is needed to further develop the impact risk assessments to ensure that information about the risks are clearly recorded and evaluated.

Staff benefit from regular supervision. This provides the staff with the opportunity to focus on the quality of their practice and to access support. Staff continue to attend training to strengthen their skills and knowledge. This ongoing development helps them within their role.

Leaders and managers make good use of a service development plan. This helps them to drive forward good practice and to make continuous improvements to the operation of the home.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
10/03/2020	Full	Good
16/01/2019	Full	Outstanding
11/07/2017	Full	Outstanding
13/02/2017	Interim	Improved 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, 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
The care planning standard is that children— receive effectively planned care in or through the children's home; and have a positive experience of arriving at or moving on from the home. (Regulation 14 (1)(a)(b)) In particular, to improve the quality of impact risk assessments relating to the suitability of children to live together.	30 April 2021
The registered person must compile in relation to the children's home a statement ('the statement of purpose') which covers the matters listed in Schedule 1. (Regulation 16 (1)) In particular, ensure that the statement of purpose includes the details and qualifications of all staff.	30 April 2021
If the registered provider appoints a person to manage the home, the registered provider must, without delay, give HMCI notice of— the name of the person so appointed; and the date on which the appointment takes effect. (Regulation 27 (2)(a)(b))	30 April 2021

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: SC423753

Provision sub-type: Residential special school

Registered provider: Ruskin Mill Trust Limited

Registered provider address: Ruskin Mill, Mill Bottom, Old Bristol Road,
Nailsworth, Gloucestershire GL6 0LA

Responsible individual: Leigh Bown

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspectors

Noel Cooper, Social Care Inspector
Gemma McDonnell, Social Care Inspector.

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