

1280371

Timeout Children's Homes Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This is one of several children's homes operated by a private company. The home is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to two children who may have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties. The manager has been registered with Ofsted since July 2018.

Inspection date: 2 March 2021

This monitoring visit

The visit, which was carried out remotely, was undertaken to establish how the home is keeping children safe. May to August 2020 was a challenging period when the staff were supporting a child with significant self-harming behaviours. On one occasion, the child required admission to hospital. The staff team supported the child throughout their stay in hospital. This child moved out of the home in August 2020. In October and November 2020, two children moved into the home.

The visit included discussions with the manager, staff members, external professionals and a child. A virtual tour of the home was led by the manager and training records were reviewed. Recommendations made at the previous inspection have been met.

External monitoring reports indicate that the children, overall, are settled and making good progress. One child could not read or write before moving into the home. In a relatively short period of time, with the support of staff, this child is now able to read and write. The staff team has provided children with a nurturing environment. This has helped children reduce their anxieties and led to improvements in their behaviour.

One child has been without a school placement for three months. A social worker said that the delay was due to several factors that were not related to the home. A school placement has now been found for the child. In the absence of formal schooling, the staff have provided the child with alternate educational activities, although the child does not consistently engage in these.

The staff and external professionals spoke highly of the manager. The staff said that the supervision and professional development they receive helps them to support the children effectively. The staff said that during a challenging period at the home, the manager 'went above and beyond' to ensure that the well-being of staff was thoughtfully considered.

The staff have a good understanding of the children's needs and associated risks. Improvements in staff retention have provided children with a greater consistency of care. The staff team has moved forward from the difficulties experienced during the period May to August 2020. The staff are providing the children with the care and support that they need. This has led to some substantial improvements from the children's starting points.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
03/03/2020	Full	Good
21/11/2019	Interim	Improved effectiveness
26/02/2019	Full	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: 1280371

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Timeout Children's Homes Limited

Registered provider address: Unit 2, Mill Fold, Ripponden, Sowerby Bridge HX6 4DH

Responsible individual: Janet Lumb

Registered manager: Katie Tomlinson

Inspector

Lianne Bradford, Social Care Inspector

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