

1240844

Care 4 Children Holdco Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This is a privately owned children's home. It is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to two children who may have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

The registered manager is no longer in post. He has not submitted an application to cancel his registration voluntarily.

Inspection date: 4 March 2021

This monitoring visit

This visit was arranged due to information in recent notifications. This is in respect of children making allegations against staff and concerns in respect of the staffing arrangements in the home. There is no registered manager or responsible individual in post.

The previous manager has not submitted an application to cancel his registration. An interim manager is currently managing the home. He submitted an application to Ofsted in January 2021. The acting responsible individual has also submitted an application to Ofsted.

This visit was completed on site. Two children live at this home. Inspectors spoke to both children, who were positive about their home. They both describe good relationships with staff.

The inspectors identified shortfalls in risk assessments and risk management plans. Children's risk assessments are not always updated. This means that staff do not have access to the most up-to-date information in respect of children. Risk assessments do not include clear strategies for staff to manage children's presenting risks; for example, the use of mobile phones, internet use and children's time in the community.

There are omissions in the manager's overall monitoring and review systems. This means that the manager cannot analyse and evaluate children's care to improve outcomes. For example, the manager's oversight of children's risk assessments and risk management plans needs to improve so that staff have access to effective risk management strategies to follow in practice.

Reports from the independent visitor have frequently been submitted late. The quality of reporting is often poor, and the reports do not include consultation with children, their parents and stakeholders. This means that the provider and the regulator are unable to assess the quality of care received and be satisfied by the leadership and management in the home.

Recording within the home needs to improve to ensure that all relevant details are recorded in children's case records. For example, staff need to ensure that all records are accurate, up to date and include all actions taken.

Children recently made allegations against staff members. These allegations have been managed appropriately and actions completed in a timely manner.

Supervision records demonstrate that staff receive good-quality supervision. Supervision sessions give staff an opportunity to discuss any personal issues and development needs.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
29/10/2019	Full	Good
18/09/2018	Full	Good
16/02/2018	Interim	Improved effectiveness
03/05/2017	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, 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 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. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(a)(i))</p> <p>This specifically relates to ensuring that children's risk assessments are up to date and include all known risks, including strategies to reduce risk.</p>	7 May 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> <p>understand the impact that the quality of care provided in the home is having on the progress and experiences of each child and use this understanding to inform the development of the quality of care provided in the home;</p> <p>use monitoring and review systems to make continuous improvements in the quality of care provided in the home.</p> <p>(Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(f)(h))</p>	7 May 2021

<p>This specifically relates to ensuring that there is oversight and evaluation of children’s plans. Plans should be reviewed and evaluated to ensure that staff have effective strategies to reduce risks.</p>	
<p>The registered person must maintain records (‘case records’) for each child which—</p> <p>include the information and documents listed in Schedule 3 in relation to each child;</p> <p>are kept up to date; and</p> <p>are signed and dated by the author of each entry.</p> <p>(Regulation 36 (1)(a)(b)(c))</p>	<p>7 May 2021</p>
<p>The registered person must use reasonable endeavours to ensure that an independent person visits the children’s home at least once each month.</p> <p>The independent person must produce a report about a visit (‘the independent person’s report’) which set out, in particular, the independent person’s opinion as to whether—</p> <p>children are effectively safeguarded; and</p> <p>the conduct of the home promotes children’s well-being.</p> <p>(Regulation 44 (1) (4))</p>	<p>7 May 2021</p>

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: 1240844

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Care 4 Children Holdco Limited

Registered provider address: 1 Stuart Road, Bredbury Park Industrial Estate,
Bredbury, Stockport SK6 2SR

Responsible individual: Post vacant

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspectors

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