

# 2519592

**Care 4 Children Residential Services Ltd**

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

## **Information about this children's home**

This is a privately owned children's home.

The home provides care for up to four children who have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

There is no registered manager in post. The post has been vacant since 31 January 2021.

**Inspection date:** 9 March 2021

## **This monitoring visit**

Routine inspection activity is currently suspended because of the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. A monitoring visit was carried out to ensure that children remain safe. The visit was carried out by two inspectors.

During this visit, the inspectors observed warm and friendly relationships between the children and staff. Children told the inspectors that they like living at the home. Children described good relationships with the staff team and each other. Children said that they understand what staff need to do to keep them safe. For example, children understand that staff supervise them if they go out in the community.

One child's social worker told the inspector that she 'can't believe' how well her child is doing. She said that staff are nurturing and that this has helped her child make progress and settle in the home.

Children's risks assessments include the relevant details and strategies for staff to manage and reduce risk. This is effective because children's risks have reduced. For example, this is in respect of incidents when children are missing from home. However, the inspectors identified some shortfalls in children's risk assessments because they do not include all current risks. This is specifically in relation to internet

usage. The provider identified that this information was missing prior to the visit. The interim manager had started to make changes to risk assessments to reflect internet usage for children.

Not all staff know what is included in all children's risk assessments. One member of staff told inspectors that she hadn't read all the children's risk assessments. This is necessary to ensure that staff can safely care for children. Furthermore, the manager needs to ensure that all staff have sufficient knowledge and skills in respect of drug misuse.

There have been staff changes across the organisation, and a new manager recently started at the home. He was previously registered as a manager for another children's home within the organisation. He told the inspectors that he is in the process of completing an application to manage this children's home.

The interim manager's monitoring and review systems need to improve. This is specifically in relation to recording, reviewing and evaluating all relevant information in relation to children. This is necessary to ensure that he continually reviews the impact that the care is having on the progress and experiences of children.

The statement of purpose is not sent to Ofsted in line with regulation. This means that Ofsted does not have the most up-to-date information in respect of the children's home.

## Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
15/10/2019	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 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>Regulation 12 (1) (2)(a)(i)(v))</p> <p>The manager needs to ensure that he assesses all children's known risks and includes strategies to manage and reduce children's risks. This is particularly in relation to internet usage.</p> <p>Furthermore, the manager needs to ensure that all staff know what is included in children's risk assessments.</p>	4 June 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>	4 June 2021

<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>ensure that staff have the experience, qualifications and skills to meet the needs of each child;</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)(a)(c)(f)(h))</p> <p>This is particularly in relation to the manager's monitoring and review systems. The manager needs to ensure that he continually reviews the impact that the quality of care is having on children's progress and experiences.</p> <p>Furthermore, the manager needs to ensure that all staff have sufficient knowledge and skills in respect of drug misuse.</p>	
<p>The registered person must compile in relation to the home a statement ('the statement of purpose') which covers the matters listed in Schedule 1.</p> <p>The registered person must—</p> <p>keep the statement of purpose under review and, where appropriate, revise it; and</p> <p>notify HMCI of any revisions and send HMCI a copy of the revised statement within 28 days of the revision.</p> <p>(Regulation 16 (1) (3)(a)(b))</p>	4 June 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:** 2519592

**Provision sub-type:** Children's home

**Registered provider:** Care 4 Children Residential Services Ltd

**Registered provider address:** Care 4 Children, 1 Stuart Road, Bredbury Park Industrial Estate, Bredbury, Stockport SK6 2SR

**Responsible individual:** Danielle Maher

**Registered manager:** Post vacant

## **Inspectors**

Catherine Fargin, Social Care Inspector  
Michael Charnley, Social Care Inspector

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