

# 1256795

**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. It is registered for four children with emotional and/or behavioural difficulties and/or mild to moderate learning disabilities. The home offers short-, medium-, or long-term residential placements for children, irrespective of 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.

**Inspection date:** 31 March 2021

## **This monitoring visit**

At the quality 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 was imposed, identifying that the provider must give Ofsted three months' notice of its intention to admit any children.

This inspection visit occurred to assess the provider's response to addressing 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 were identified previously and has put in place an action plan to rectify these. During this visit, the senior manager provided the inspector with supplementary information, to show what progress has been made in response to the two compliance notices. Consequently, the provider was able to demonstrate that sufficient progress has been made. This means that the requirements set out in the two compliance notices have been met.

Managers have introduced new ways of monitoring the quality of care provided for children. There is more senior management oversight and involvement in the home. The provider has made improvements in how staff are supported day to day, and new safeguarding protocols help staff to develop and maintain the knowledge and skills needed to reduce the risk of harm to children.

The progress the provider has made and the impact of this on the quality of care provided for children will be assessed at the next inspection. The additional requirements raised at the last inspection have not been reviewed at this visit. These will be explored at the next inspection.

The provider must still give Ofsted three months' notice of its intention to admit any children to the home.

## **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
<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)(b)(i)(ii)(iii))</p> <p>This particularly refers to the manager ensuring that effective evaluation has occurred, and only those children that can be suitably matched to those already living at the home are admitted.</p>	28 March 2021
The registered person must notify HMCI and each other relevant person without delay if—	28 March 2021

<p>there is any other incident relating to a child which the registered person considers to be serious. (Regulation 40 (4)(e))</p>	
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## 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:** 1256795

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

**Registered provider:** Horizon Care and Education Group Limited

**Registered provider address:** Horizon Care and Education Group Limited,  
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**Responsible individual:** Emma Carrington

**Registered manager:** Mark Stewart

## Inspector

Aaron Mcloughlin, Social Care Inspector

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