

SWAP Foster Care

43-47 Kings Street, Bedworth, Warwickshire CV12 8NB

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this independent fostering agency

This privately run independent fostering agency provides short- and long-term foster placements, and parent and child placements. At the time of this inspection, the agency was providing care for 51 children and one parent. The agency had 34 fostering households.

The manager was registered by Ofsted on 17 June 2020. She is not currently in day-to-day charge of the agency. The deputy manager is currently acting as the manager.

Inspection date: 9 September 2021

Date of previous inspection: 19 April 2021

This monitoring visit

This independent fostering agency had a full inspection by Ofsted on 19 April 2021. As a result of the visit, a compliance notice was issued under regulation 11. Ofsted conducted a monitoring visit on 21 July 2021 to review the action taken by the provider to meet the compliance notice. During the visit, further shortfalls were identified, and compliance notices were issued under regulation 8, regulation 11 and regulation 20.

Ofsted undertook this further monitoring visit, on 9 September 2021, to monitor the action taken by the provider to meet the compliance notices raised on 21 July 2021 under regulation 8, regulation 11 and regulation 20.

Managers have implemented new quality assurance systems to ensure there is sufficient oversight of the service. This includes better use of technology systems, which has resulted in managers being able to easily access information. As a result, managers have a better understanding and oversight of the provision.

Training is improved for staff and foster carers. All staff have now completed their core training, as well as specialist training. This ensures they have the appropriate training to fulfil their role and support foster carers. Foster carers have all received core training. Additionally, they have undertaken relevant training to meet the individual needs of children they are caring for. As a result, foster carers are trained to meet individualised needs and support better outcomes for children.

Managers have made improvements to the quality of risk assessments. These now link research and practice and ensure that all known and emerging risks are included within the assessment. Staff and foster carers are now better informed of how to meet the needs of children and parents.

The provider has made significant improvements in the agency's safe recruitment processes. Staff now understand and apply the requirements of safe recruitment. This ensures that staff who are employed by the agency are safe to work with children.

Managers have now implemented an effective system to escalate concerns with agencies when they do not receive all the required information from them. This ensures further information requested is received without delay, which has positive outcomes for children.

As a result of this monitoring visit, Ofsted has deemed compliance notices under regulation 8, regulation 11 and regulation 20 as met. In addition all previous requirements are met.

Information about this inspection

The purpose of this visit was to monitor the action taken and the progress made by the independent fostering agency since its last Ofsted inspection.

This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000.

Independent fostering agency details

Unique reference number: SC409413

Registered provider: Social Work Assessment Partners Ltd

Registered provider address: Mitre House, School Road, Bulkington, Bedworth, Warwickshire CV12 9JB

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