

1256973

Registered provider: Cameron & Cooper Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is owned and run by a private organisation. It provides care for up to six children. According to the home's statement of purpose, it caters for children who require therapeutic care and support.

The home has been without a registered manager since May 2019.

Inspection date: 25 November 2021

This monitoring visit

This visit was undertaken to address specific concerns or allegations received by Ofsted.

Inspectors found that the home has not been regularly cleaned and that common areas were cluttered and poorly organised. Damage to walls, doors and windows had not been repaired. The children's bedrooms had not been regularly cleaned and several were lacking any sense of order. The children had been allowed to extensively write and draw on their bedroom walls and the outsides of their doors. The home bears little likeness to a family home.

Since the last inspection, there has been an escalation in incidents of aggression and violence in the home and damage to property. On several occasions, the staff have called police for assistance to maintain order in the home. At times, children have said that they feel unsafe in the home.

Inspectors also found that all the required procedures for recruiting new staff are not being followed, leaving the children at possible risk of harm.

Leaders and managers have expressed their intention to urgently address the identified shortfalls and failures and Ofsted will continue to monitor the running of the home and the well-being of the children.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
23/08/2021	Full	Good
15/10/2019	Full	Good
14/02/2019	Interim	Declined in effectiveness
22/05/2018	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 quality and purpose of care standard is that children receive care from staff who—</p> <p>understand the children's home's overall aims and the outcomes it seeks to achieve for children;</p> <p>use this understanding to deliver care that meets children's needs and supports them to fulfil their potential.</p> <p>In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to—</p> <p>understand and apply the home's statement of purpose;</p> <p>ensure that staff—</p> <p>understand and apply the home's statement of purpose;</p> <p>protect and promote each child's welfare. (Regulation 6 (1)(a)(b) (2)(a)(b)(i)(ii))</p>	25 January 2022
<p>The registered person must recruit staff using recruitment procedures that are designed to ensure children's safety.</p> <p>The registered person may only—</p> <p>employ an individual to work at the children's home; or</p> <p>if an individual is employed by a person other than the registered person to work at the home in a position in which the individual may have regular contact with children, allow that individual to work at the home,</p> <p>if the individual satisfies the requirements in paragraph (3).</p> <p>The requirements are that—</p> <p>the individual is of integrity and good character;</p>	25 January 2022

the individual has the appropriate experience, qualification and skills for the work that the individual is to perform;

the individual is mentally and physically fit for the purposes of the work that the individual is to perform; and

full and satisfactory information is available in relation to the individual in respect of each of the matters in Schedule 2.
(Regulation 32 (1) (2)(a)(b) (3)(a)(b)(c)(d))

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: 1256973

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Cameron & Cooper Limited

Registered provider address: Accord Accountants, 191-193 High Street,
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Responsible individual: Camilla McInnes

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspectors

John Pledger, Social Care Inspector

Anne-Marie Davies, Social Care Inspector

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