

# 1240843

Registered provider: Care 4 Children Holdco Limited

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

## Information about this children's home

This is a privately owned children's home. The provider states in its statement of purpose that it provides care for up to two children with social and emotional difficulties.

**Inspection date:** 16 March 2022

**Date of last inspection:** 30 November 2021

**Judgement at last inspection:** requires improvement to be good

**Enforcement action since last inspection:** none

## **This inspection**

### **The effectiveness of the home and the progress and experiences of children and young people since the most recent full inspection**

This home was judged requires improvement to be good at the last full inspection.

At this interim inspection, Ofsted judged that it has improved effectiveness.

Since the last inspection, one child has moved in and out of the home. The registered manager devised a detailed transition plan to support the moves. There was a gradual introduction for the child moving into the home and he had an opportunity to visit prior to his moving in day.

There have been a few safeguarding issues at the home that have been well managed. Documentation is detailed and information has been shared with all relevant parties in a timely way. Staff understand their roles and responsibilities in protecting children and have undertaken extensive training, including managing bullying, safeguarding, and recording and reporting. The learning from training has been discussed in team meetings and individual supervision sessions with staff.

The registered manager has worked with the responsible individual to develop a new monitoring and evaluation system. This is clear and will help the manager in his analysis and evaluation of the care provided for children and the impact on children's outcomes.

Risk management plans have been updated and now set out clear strategies for the staff to follow when children are at risk of harm. The content of the documents has been shared with staff, who understand their role in protecting children.

Physical intervention records have been reviewed in a timely way and include all relevant information. When the registered manager was involved in an intervention, this was reviewed and evaluated by the responsible individual.

The registered manager has taken action to meet most of the requirements issued at the last inspection. However, parts of the home environment need to be improved and the sleeping accommodation for staff does not provide them with privacy or allow children to have access to all rooms in their home. The provider is currently considering how the home can be extended to provide space for staff to sleep. This requirement is not met and will be repeated.

## Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
30/11/2021	Full	Requires improvement to be good
03/03/2020	Full	Good
12/02/2019	Interim	Improved effectiveness
08/05/2018	Full	Requires improvement to be 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 registered person must ensure that—</p> <p>the privacy of children is appropriately protected;</p> <p>children can access all appropriate areas of the children's home's premises; and</p> <p>any limitation placed on a child's privacy or access to any area of the home's premises—</p> <p>is intended to safeguard each child accommodated in the home;</p> <p>is necessary and proportionate;</p> <p>is kept under review and, if necessary, revised; and</p> <p>allows children as much freedom as is possible when balanced against the need to protect them and keep them safe.</p> <p>(Regulation 21 (a)(b)(c)(i)(ii)(iii)(iv))</p> <p>This is particularly in relation to staff sleeping arrangements.</p>	17 April 2022

## Information about this inspection

This inspection focused on the effectiveness of the home and the progress and experiences of children and young people since the most recent full inspection.

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people, using the social care common inspection framework. This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000 to assess the effectiveness of the service, how it meets the core functions of the service as set out in legislation, and to consider how well it complies with the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards'.

## Children's home details

**Unique reference number:** 1240843

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

**Registered provider:** Care 4 Children Holdco Limited

**Registered provider address:** 1 Stuart Road, Bredbury Park Industrial Estate,  
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**Responsible individual:** Lisa Baxter

**Registered manager:** Roger Charles

## Inspector

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