

SC033362

Registered provider: Peterborough City & Cambridgeshire County Councils

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This secure children's home is operated by a local authority and is approved by the Secretary of State to restrict children's liberty.

The home can accommodate up to 16 children aged between 10 and 17. It provides care for children accommodated under section 25 of the Children Act 1989, who are placed by local authorities. At the time of the monitoring visit, seven children were accommodated at the home.

Education is provided on site in dedicated facilities.

Admission of any child who is under 13 years of age requires the approval of the Secretary of State, under section 25 of the Children Act 1989.

The commissioning of health services at this home is the statutory responsibility of NHS England under the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

The registered manager has been in post since May 2013.

Inspection date: 12 April 2022

This monitoring visit

At the last inspection, on 10 March 2022, serious shortfalls were found in the care and safety of children. Consequently, Ofsted served compliance notices in respect of the protection of children, leadership and management, and restraint. This monitoring visit was carried out to assess the progress that the provider has made in meeting the steps set out in the compliance notices.

When physical restraint is used by staff with children, this is now carried out in line with regulations. However, one incident was found not be lawful. This incident

involved a very low-level use of force and occurred while: managers were taking action to address the compliance notices; before planned training had been delivered to the staff member involved. Monitoring by managers identified the shortfall and fully addressed the matter with the staff member.

Staff now ensure that they check on children spending time alone in line with the children's risk assessments. Managers monitor records and use close-circuit television to check that staff's actions are compliant with risk assessments and are helping to keep children safe.

Records of physical restraint and separation (when children are locked into an area if they are a serious risk to themselves or others and there is no other way to keep everyone safe) are much improved and now fully completed. These records provide evidence that children's rights are being promoted and that safe care is being provided. However, managers have not checked that all previous records, including those with shortfalls identified at the last inspection, have been fully completed as required.

Overall, monitoring by managers has improved with the new recording and monitoring systems that have been introduced. This ensures that staff's practice provides safe care to children, that children's rights are promoted and any shortfalls are quickly identified and addressed.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
10/03/2022	Interim	Declined in effectiveness
13/10/2021	Full	Requires improvement to be good
05/11/2019	Full	Requires improvement to be good
16/07/2019	Full	Inadequate

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>within 24 hours of the use of a measure of control, discipline or restraint in relation to a child in the home, a record is made which includes—</p> <p>the name of the child;</p> <p>details of the child’s behaviour leading to the use of the measure;</p> <p>the date, time and location of the use of the measure;</p> <p>a description of the measure and its duration;</p> <p>details of any methods used or steps taken to avoid the need to use the measure;</p> <p>the name of the person who used the measure (“the user”), and of any other person present when the measure was used;</p> <p>the effectiveness and any consequences of the use of the measure; and</p> <p>a description of any injury to the child or any other person, and any medical treatment administered, as a result of the measure;</p> <p>within 48 hours of the use of the measure, the registered person, or a person who is authorised by the registered person to do so (“the authorised person”)—</p> <p>has spoken to the user about the measure; and</p> <p>has signed the record to confirm it is accurate; and</p>	<p>1 July 2022</p>

within 5 days of the use of the measure, the registered person or the authorised person adds to the record confirmation that they have spoken to the child about the measure.

(Regulation 35 (3)(a)(i)(ii)(iii)(iv)(v)(vi)(vii)(viii) (b)(i)(ii) (c))

In particular, carry out an audit of all physical restraint and separation records to ensure that they meet the requirements set out in the regulation. Where they do not meet the requirements set out in regulation, take action to rectify as far as reasonably practicable.

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: SC033362

Provision sub-type: Secure unit

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Registered manager: Jeannette Winson

Inspector

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