

# SC361167

## **Options Autism (5) Limited**

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

### **Information about this children's home**

This home provides care for children with autism spectrum disorder. The children may also have additional medical and/or complex needs.

This setting is an independent residential special school registered as a children's home. It is owned and operated by a private company. The home offers specialised education and care for up to eight children.

A new manager was appointed in December 2021 and has yet to apply to register with Ofsted. She is suitably experienced and is working towards the level 5 qualification in management.

The registered provider has notified Ofsted that they will voluntarily cancel the home's registration and the home will close on 28 March 2022.

**Inspection date:** 21 March 2022

### **This monitoring visit**

On 21 March 2022 Ofsted carried out a monitoring visit at this home. The report will be available on Ofsted's website.

This monitoring visit was made to review the safety and well-being of the children and the plans for their transitions on from the home.

Seven children were living at the home at the time of the monitoring visit.

Managers are focused on working with children's placing authorities to formulate and finalise transition plans for children to move on from the home. They are doing this diligently.

Action has been taken to ensure that children requiring medical support and intervention receive these. For example, one child is due to go to hospital to undergo tests. This hospital visit is subject to careful planning by managers at the home and health professionals. Two other children have now been visited in the home by the GP. This gives assurances that children's urgent health needs are being reviewed and treatment prescribed as needed.

Shortfalls remain in the recording and oversight of medication administration. It is not always clear when pain relief has been administered and for what reason. Children's daily logs, staff handover records and medical administration records do not correlate with each other. For example, one child was administered pain relief three times on one day. However, the handover record indicates this was only given once. This same child's daily record indicates that she was unwell the following day. Despite this, she was not administered pain relief until the evening. It is unclear why this was.

The home is adequately staffed for the remaining period that it is open. Staff are working hard to prepare children for leaving and have purchased them new clothing and appropriate luggage. There is some use of agency staff. These staff are familiar to the children and have been safely recruited.

No requirements or recommendations have been raised given that the home is due to close imminently.

## Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
26/10/2021	Full	Requires improvement to be good
04/08/2021	Full	Inadequate
22/10/2019	Full	Good
27/06/2018	Full	Good

## **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:** SC361167

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

**Registered provider:** Options Autism (5) Limited

**Registered provider address:** Atria, Spa Road, Bolton BL1 4AG

**Responsible individual:** Anne Adams

**Registered manager:** Post vacant

## Inspectors

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