

SC489212

Registered provider: MacIntyre Academies

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This children's home is run by a private organisation in partnership with the local authority. The home provides placements for children with disabilities and young people with a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder. The home provides care for up to six children and young people permanently, and up to three children and young people under short-break arrangements.

The home has been without a registered manager since July 2021.

Inspection date: 28 June 2022

This monitoring visit

This visit was carried out to review the provider's compliance with an imposed condition and to assess the progress made in meeting ten requirements and one compliance notice. These were issued following a full inspection that was carried out on 16 and 17 May 2022 and resulted in the home being judged inadequate.

Leaders have completed a comprehensive action plan. A review of the action plan indicates that significant steps have been taken to address safeguarding concerns.

Staff talk confidently about the changes that have been made since the last inspection, confirming a renewed focus on safeguarding in team meetings, supervisions and in daily handovers. Staff are now clearer about their responsibilities and the requirement to raise any concerns.

External safeguarding professionals speak confidently about the response the provider has taken to address previous concerns.

There is a renewed focus to ensure that there is good management oversight. Monthly audits, combined with quarterly reviews by the wider organisation, are ensuring that children's care is being carefully monitored and reviewed.

Leaders have identified specialist training to ensure that staff in supervisory roles have adequate skills to identify and report concerns.

The manager is in the process of applying to be registered with Ofsted.

The compliance notice was deemed met. Although a lot of progress has been made in addressing all ten requirements, these have not yet been embedded. As a result, these requirements have been reissued.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
16/05/2022	Full	Inadequate
21/09/2021	Full	Good
05/11/2019	Full	Good
13/09/2018	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 children’s views, wishes and feelings standard is that children receive care from staff who—</p> <p>develop positive relationships with them;</p> <p>engage with them; and</p> <p>take their views, wishes and feelings into account in relation to matters affecting the children’s care and welfare and their lives.</p> <p>In particular, the standard in paragraph requires the registered person to ensure that staff—</p> <p>help each child to express views, wishes and feelings;</p> <p>is enabled to provide feedback to, and raise issues with, a relevant person about the support and services that the child receives. Regulation 7 (1)(a)(b)(c) (2)(a)(ii)(i)</p> <p>This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.</p>	<p>30 August 2022</p>
<p>The health and well-being standard is that—</p> <p>the health and well-being needs of children are met;</p> <p>children receive advice, services and support in relation to their health and well-being; and</p> <p>children are helped to lead healthy lifestyles.</p> <p>In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure—</p> <p>that staff help each child to—</p>	<p>30 August 2022</p>

<p>achieve the health and well-being outcomes that are recorded in the child’s relevant plans. (Regulation 10 (1)(a)(b)(c) (2)(a)(i))</p> <p>This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.</p>	
<p>The protection of children standard is that children are protected from harm and enabled to keep themselves safe.</p> <p>In particular, the standard in paragraph requires the registered person to ensure—</p> <p>that staff—</p> <p>assess whether each child is at risk of harm, taking into account information in the child’s relevant plans, and, if necessary, make arrangements to reduce the risk of any harm to the child;</p> <p>help each child to understand how to keep safe;</p> <p>have the skills to identify and act upon signs that a child is at risk of harm;</p> <p>manage relationships between children to prevent them from harming each other;</p> <p>understand the roles and responsibilities in relation to protecting children that are assigned to them by the registered person;</p> <p>take effective action whenever there is a serious concern about a child’s welfare; and</p> <p>are familiar with, and act in accordance with, the home’s child protection policies;</p> <p>that the home’s day-to-day care is arranged and delivered so as to keep each child safe and to protect each child effectively from harm;</p> <p>that the premises used for the purposes of the home are located so that children are effectively safeguarded;</p>	<p>30 August 2022</p>

<p>that the premises used for the purposes of the home are designed, furnished and maintained so as to protect each child from avoidable hazards to the child’s health; and</p> <p>that the effectiveness of the home’s child protection policies is monitored regularly.</p> <p>Regulation 12 (1) (2)(a)(i)(ii)(iii)(iv)(v)(vi)(vii)</p> <p>This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.</p>	
<p>The leadership and management standard is that the registered person enables, inspires and leads a culture in relation to the children’s home that—</p> <p>helps children aspire to fulfil their potential; and</p> <p>promotes their welfare.</p> <p>In particular, the standard in paragraph requires the registered person to—</p> <p>use monitoring and review systems to make continuous improvements in the quality of care provided in the home.</p> <p>Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(h))</p> <p>This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.</p>	30 August 2022
<p>The care planning standard is that children—</p> <p>receive effectively planned care in or through the children’s home; and</p> <p>have a positive experience of arriving at or moving on from the home.</p> <p>In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure—</p> <p>that children are admitted to the home only if their needs are within the range of needs of children for whom it is intended that the home is to provide care and accommodation, as set out in the home’s statement of purpose.</p> <p>(Regulation 14 (1)(a)(b) (2)(a))</p>	30 August 2022

<p>This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.</p>	
<p>The registered person must make arrangements for the handling, recording, safekeeping, safe administration and disposal of medicines received into the children’s home.</p> <p>In particular the registered person must ensure that—</p> <p>medicines kept in the home are stored in a secure place so as to prevent any child from having unsupervised access to them;</p> <p>medicine which is prescribed for a child is administered as prescribed to the child for whom it is prescribed and to no other child; and</p> <p>a record is kept of the administration of medicine to each child. Regulation 23 (1) (2)(a)(b)(c))</p> <p>This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.</p>	<p>30 August 2022</p>
<p>The registered person must recruit staff using recruitment procedures that are designed to ensure children’s safety. Regulation 32 (1)</p> <p>This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.</p>	<p>30 August 2022</p>
<p>The registered person must ensure that all employees receive practice-related supervision by a person with appropriate experience. Regulation 33 (4)(b)</p> <p>This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.</p>	<p>30 August 2022</p>
<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>30 August 2022</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 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>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.</p> <p>Regulation 35 (3)(a)(i)(ii)(iii)(iv)(v)(vi)(vii)(viii)(b)(i)(ii)(c)</p>	
<p>The registered person must notify HMCI and each other relevant person without delay if—</p> <p>a child is involved in or subject to, or is suspected of being involved in or subject to, sexual exploitation</p> <p>an incident requiring police involvement occurs in relation to a child which the registered person considers to be serious;</p> <p>there is an allegation of abuse against the home or a person working there;</p> <p>a child protection enquiry involving a child—</p> <p>is instigated; or</p>	<p>30 August 2022</p>

concludes (in which case, the notification must include the outcome of the child protection enquiry); or

there is any other incident relating to a child which the registered person considers to be serious.

Regulation 40 (4)(a)(b)(c)(d)(i)(ii)(e))

This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.

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: SC489212

Provision sub-type: Residential special school

Registered provider: MacIntyre Academies

Registered provider address: MacIntyre Care, 602 South Seventh Street, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire MK9 2JA

Responsible individual: Michaela Soporova

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Mark Newington, Social Care Inspector

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