

SC046524

Sheffield City Council

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is owned managed by a local authority. It is approved by the Department for Education (DfE) to restrict children's liberty. The home can accommodate up to 10 children aged between 10 and 17 years. At the time of this inspection, there were four children living at the home.

The home provides care for up to five children placed by the Youth Custody Service and five children placed by local authorities under Section 25 of the Children Act 1989.

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

The commissioning of health services in this home is the statutory responsibility of NHS England under the Health and Social Care Act 2012. Education is provided on site in dedicated facilities.

The registered manager left the home in July 2022. Steps are being taken to appoint a new manager. In the interim period, an acting manager and the head of education are overseeing the day-to-day operations of the home.

Inspection date: 12 September 2022

This monitoring visit

Inspectors visited the home with specialist architects commissioned by the DfE. This visit forms part of the information that Ofsted provides to the DfE so that the Secretary of State for Education can decide whether the home continues to be suitable to restrict children's liberty.

The home provides an environment that is suitable to meet the needs of children who require secure care.

A designated fire escape that connects the upper plant room and ground floor carport is being used for storage. Although children do not use this restricted area, even in the case of an emergency, it is used regularly by maintenance staff. The area is cluttered and hazardous to anyone who needs to use the fire escape in an emergency.

The three requirements and one recommendation made at the last inspection will be reviewed at the next inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
01/02/2022	Full	Outstanding
01/09/2021	Interim	Sustained effectiveness
10/03/2020	Interim	Improved effectiveness
10/12/2019	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>After consultation with the fire and rescue authority, the registered person must—</p> <p>provide adequate means of escape from the home in the event of fire. (Regulation 25 (1)(b))</p> <p>In particular, the registered person must ensure that fire escapes and any designated evacuation routes are clear of potential hazards and restrictions.</p>	<p>23 September 2022</p>

Information about this inspection

This monitoring visit was carried out in line with the memorandum of understanding between Ofsted and the DfE.

This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: SC046524

Provision sub-type: Secure unit

Registered provider: Sheffield City Council

Registered provider address: Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield S1 2HH

Responsible individual: Sally Williams

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspectors

Shaun Common, His Majesty's Inspector
Catherine Sikakana, Social Care Inspector

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