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Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This local authority children's home provides care for up to four children who may have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties and may have learning difficulties.

A notice of restriction of accommodation was served by Ofsted on 17 May 2022 and was in place until 9 August 2022. A further notice of restriction was served on 9 August 2022 and is in place until 1 November 2022. This means that no children can move into the home during this period without the notice being lifted.

No children were living at the home at the time of this monitoring visit.

The registered manager post has been vacant since January 2021. A new permanent manager has been appointed. She has not yet applied for registration with Ofsted.

Inspection date: 9 September 2022

This monitoring visit

This monitoring visit took place to monitor the action taken by leaders and managers to comply with the notice of restriction served by Ofsted on 9 August 2022.

Leaders and managers have not admitted any children to the home since the notice of restriction was served. One child has left the home since the last inspection. The child was supported to move on in a planned way to a setting able to safeguard her and meet her mental health needs.

There were no self-harming incidents, no physical interventions and no incidents of the child going missing from home between the last inspection and the child's move from the home. Staff were able to work with the child to safeguard her effectively for this short period of time.

Following a very challenging time for staff, they have had support to build their emotional resilience from a specialist team of trained counsellors. This support is still available to staff should they request it. Training is planned for staff to help them understand and respond to the mental health needs of children. This will provide staff with the additional knowledge and skills they need to care for children with complex emotional health needs.

The requirements and recommendations made at the last inspection have not been considered at this monitoring visit. They therefore remain in place.

Leaders and managers have addressed the concerns which led to the notice of restriction being served. As a result, following this visit, the notice of restriction of accommodation is lifted.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
02/08/2022	Full	Requires improvement to be good
11/05/2022	Full	Inadequate
01/02/2022	Full	Requires improvement to be good
04/12/2019	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>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 (1) 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. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(h))</p> <p>Specifically, that the registered person must evidence that they have systems in place to monitor and review the quality of care in the home.</p> <p>This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.</p>	<p>31 October 2022</p>
<p>The education standard is that children make measurable progress towards achieving their educational potential and are helped to do so.</p> <p>In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure—</p> <p>that staff—</p> <p>help each child to achieve the child’s education and training targets, as recorded in the child’s relevant plans;</p>	<p>31 October 2022</p>

<p>support each child’s learning and development, including helping the child to develop independent study skills and, where appropriate, helping the child to complete independent study;</p> <p>promote opportunities for each child to learn informally</p> <p>maintain regular contact with each child’s education and training provider, including engaging with the provider and the placing authority to support the child’s education and training and to maximise the child’s achievement;</p> <p>help a child who is excluded from school, or who is of compulsory school age but not attending school, to access educational and training support throughout the period of exclusion or non-attendance and to return to school as soon as possible;</p> <p>that each child has access to appropriate equipment, facilities and resources to support the child’s learning. (Regulation 8 (1) (2)(a)(i)(ii)(v)(vi)(viii)(x)(b))</p> <p>This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.</p>	
<p>The registered person must ensure that—</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. (Regulation 35 (3)(b)(i)(ii)(c))</p>	10 October 2022
<p>The registered person must complete a review of the quality of care provided for children (“a quality of care review”) at least once every 6 months.</p> <p>In order to complete a quality of care review the registered person must establish and maintain a system for monitoring, reviewing and evaluating—</p>	31 October 2022

the quality of care provided for children;

the feedback and opinions of children about the children's home, its facilities and the quality of care they receive in it; and

any actions that the registered person considers necessary in order to improve or maintain the quality of care provided for children.

After completing a quality of care review, the registered person must produce a written report about the quality of care review and the actions which the registered person intends to take as a result of the quality of care review ("the quality of care review report").

The registered person must—

supply to HMCI a copy of the quality of care review report within 28 days of the date on which the quality of care review is completed; and

make a copy of the quality of care review report available on request to a placing authority, if the placing authority is not the parent of a child accommodated in the home.

The system referred to in paragraph (2) must provide for ascertaining and considering the opinions of children, their parents, placing authorities and staff.

(Regulation 45 (1) (2)(a)(b)(c) (3) (4)(a)(b) (5))

Recommendations

- The registered person should ensure that children are supported to access and contribute to their records, and records should be written in a way which is accessible to children. Names rather than initials should be used in children's care records ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 62, paragraphs 14.5 and 14.6)
- The registered person should ensure that planned one-to-one time is in place to support children's progress in line with their placement plans. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 14, paragraph 3.1)

- The registered person should ensure that the independent monitoring visits are unannounced. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 65, paragraph 15.5)

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: 1263766

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council

Registered provider address: Town Hall, Market Street, Hyde, Tameside SK14 1AL

Responsible individual: Tammy Sutherland

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Dawn Parton, Social Care Inspector

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