

SC011185

Registered provider: Calcot Services for Children Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This privately owned home provides care for up to seven children with complex emotional, social and behavioural difficulties.

The home has been without a registered manager since 29 December 2021.

There were no children living in the home at the time of this visit.

Inspection date: 18 April 2023

This monitoring visit

This visit took place as the organisation had informed Ofsted of their intention to accommodate children after a period of closure.

The inspector reviewed the quality of the accommodation, staffing numbers and skills, and if there was a manager in post.

The home now has a manager who is ready to submit their application to be registered with Ofsted. A deputy manager has also started working in the home, and as a team they are preparing to admit a child once a suitable match is found.

The managers have been reviewing the skills of the staff. This is to ensure that they not only have enough staff to meet the needs of two children in the short term but also that those staff have the training and skills to meet children's needs.

The requirements set at the last monitoring visit were deemed to be met. The remaining two requirements made at the last full inspection in relation to education and placement planning could not be suitably evaluated without children living in the home. However, the home's manager has suitable knowledge of local schools and

education providers, as well as how to plan a child's day for them, to ensure that they are ready for learning and able to engage in appropriate activities.

The inspector found that the home was likely to be able to accommodate children from 2 May 2023, when the required three-month notice period ends.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
31/08/2022	Full	Inadequate
21/07/2021	Full	Outstanding
28/01/2020	Full	Outstanding
11/09/2018	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 with the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
<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 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. (Regulation 8 (1) (2)(a)(viii))</p> <p>This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.</p>	26 May 2023
<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>that arrangements are in place to—</p> <p>ensure the effective induction of each child into the home;</p>	26 May 2023

that each child's relevant plans are followed.
(Regulation 14 (1)(a)(b) (2)(a)(b)(i)(c))

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: SC011185

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Calcot Services for Children Limited

Registered provider address: Advantage, 87 Castle Street, Reading, Berkshire
RG1 7SN

Responsible individual: Robin Ward

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Jennie Christopher, Social Care Inspector

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