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Compass Childrens Homes Ltd

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

A private company operates this children's home. It is registered to provide care for three children with learning disabilities.

There has been no registered manager in post since June 2022.

In August 2022, a condition was imposed on the home's registration that required the provider to give Ofsted three months' notice of its intention to admit children into the home. In November 2022, the organisation provided this notice to Ofsted.

However, completion of the refurbishment of the home was delayed and, consequently, the organisation was not ready to open the home.

Inspection date: 28 April 2023

This monitoring visit

This monitoring visit was undertaken to review whether the provider had complied with the suspension notice imposed by Ofsted on 22 March 2023. On 21 March 2023, Ofsted was provided with information anonymously, which reported concerns that a child and an adult were living in the children's home. Furthermore, it was alleged that alcohol and drugs were being consumed on the premises. At the visit on 22 March 2023, inspectors found that poor oversight by leaders and the independent person had enabled the home to be used in an unfit manner.

At this visit, the home was vacant. No children were residing at the home, and no staff were present. The previous contractors were not present, and the home did not smell of cannabis. As a result of this, the suspension notice has been complied with.

The home remains uninhabitable, and renovations have stalled. The organisation is awaiting new contractors to complete the work required.

The responsible individual has stated that the home is not anticipated to be used before November 2023. There continues to be a lack of staff and no manager has been appointed; therefore, the organisation cannot offer care to children at present.

Ofsted will continue to monitor the suspension notice, which will remain effective until 14 June 2023.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
19/05/2021	Full	Good
11/12/2019	Full	Requires improvement to be good
28/02/2019	Interim	Sustained effectiveness
24/09/2018	Full	Outstanding

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 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 (1) requires the registered person to ensure—</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. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(d))</p> <p>This specifically relates to building work being completed and providing an appropriate home for children.</p>	9 June 2023
<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>ensure that the home has sufficient staff to provide care for each child. (Regulation 13 (1) (2)(d))</p> <p>This specifically relates to ensuring the recruitment of staff who are appropriately experienced and qualified.</p>	9 June 2023
<p>The registered provider must appoint a person to manage the children's home if—</p> <p>there is no registered manager in respect of the home; and</p> <p>the registered provider—</p>	9 June 2023

<p>is an organisation or a partnership;</p> <p>does not satisfy regulation 28; or</p> <p>is not, or does not intend to be, in day-to-day charge of the home.</p> <p>If the registered provider appoints a person to manage the home, the registered provider must, without delay, give HMCI notice of—</p> <p>the name of the person so appointed; and</p> <p>the date on which the appointment takes effect.</p> <p>(Regulation 27 (1)(a)(b)(i)(ii)(iii) (2)(a)(b))</p>	
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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: 1254840

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Compass Childrens Homes Ltd

Registered provider address: Compass Community Ltd, 3 Rayns Way, Syston, Leicester LE7 1PF

Responsible individual: Reece Curtis

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Jodie Lewis, Social Care Inspector

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