

# 1223681

**Sandcastle Care Limited**

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

## **Information about this children's home**

This home is run by a private organisation. It is registered to provide care for up to three children who may experience social or emotional difficulties.

The registered manager post has been vacant since November 2022. A new interim manager was appointed in April 2023. At the time of the visit, they were resubmitting an application to register with Ofsted.

**Inspection date:** 31 May 2023

## **This monitoring visit**

This home was judged to be inadequate at the last full inspection on 18 and 19 April 2023. Significant shortfalls were identified in several areas.

Following the full inspection, a decision was made to restrict admissions to the home. This monitoring visit was to check the provider's compliance with the restriction notice served on 24 April 2023.

No children have been admitted since the restriction notice was served. Since the last inspection visit in April 2023, the manager has made progress in all areas.

Relationships have improved, and the child is supported to understand the importance of maintaining good healthcare and education.

Sufficient measures are in place to protect children and mitigate risk. An individual risk assessment and positive behaviour support plan are in place, demonstrating the prevention and intervention strategies to be implemented by staff.

The inspector found that, in practice, staff are taking responsive action to manage risk and educate the child on risk-taking behaviours through key-work sessions and updating risk assessments as incidents occur.

The child now understands different forms of bullying and what effect it might have on someone. Staff have received training to identify and manage incidents of bullying, children going missing from care, and allegations.

Staff have updated their knowledge and understanding of their roles and responsibilities in regard to safeguarding practices and the home's policies and procedures.

The manager has implemented new systems for monitoring and reviewing the service. This has had a positive impact on the running of the home. However, there are some minor shortfalls identified with the system, but they have had no impact on the child living in the home.

The home is in the process of being redecorated and furnished to make it a pleasant place for children to live in. The home was safe and free from hazards. There are suitable arrangements for staff to sleep at the home. The provider has made appropriate improvements to provide care for children.

The manager has recruited a new member of staff who is due to join the team on completion of safer recruitment checks. Permanent members of staff cover the rota to provide consistency for the child living in the home.

The manager has reviewed the home's induction process and made amendments to ensure that new staff joining the team are fully skilled and trained to meet the needs of children in their care.

Following the visit, a case review was held. The number of concerns that led to the restriction of accommodation were no longer evident and the notice of restriction was allowed to expire.

The requirements set at the previous inspection were considered at this monitoring visit and two requirements were restated, which will be considered at the next full inspection.

## Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
18/04/2023	Full	Inadequate
11/10/2022	Full	Good
11/11/2021	Interim	Improved effectiveness
19/05/2021	Full	Requires improvement to be 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 quality and purpose of care standard is that children receive care from staff who—</p> <p>understand the children's home's overall aims and the outcomes it seeks to achieve for children; and</p> <p>use this understanding to deliver care that meets children's needs and supports them to fulfil their potential.</p> <p>In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to—</p> <p>ensure that the premises used for the purposes of the home are designed and furnished so as to meet the needs of each child. (Regulation 6 (1)(a)(b) (2)(c)(i))</p> <p>Specifically, ensure that children's bedrooms, 'cinema room', and the 'selfie' room are regularly maintained.</p>	9 July 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>lead and manage the home in a way that is consistent with the approach and ethos, and delivers the outcomes, set out in the home's statement of purpose;</p> <p>ensure that staff work as a team where appropriate;</p>	9 July 2023

ensure that staff have the experience, qualifications, and skills to meet the needs of each child;

ensure that the home has sufficient staff to provide care for each child;

ensure that the home's workforce provides continuity of care to each child;

understand the impact that the quality of care provided in the home is having on the progress and experiences of each child and use this understanding to inform the development of the quality of care provided in the home;

use monitoring and review systems to make continuous improvements in the quality of care provided in the home. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(a)(b)(c)(d)(e)(f)(h))

## 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:** 1223681

**Provision sub-type:** Children's home

**Registered provider:** Sandcastle Care Limited

**Registered provider address:** Sandcastle Care Limited, 49 Whitegate Drive,  
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**Responsible individual:** Amber Steib

**Registered manager:** Post vacant

## **Inspectors**

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