

1183911

Registered provider: Young Foundations Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is privately owned. It provides care for up to 12 children with special educational needs and/or disabilities. At the time of this monitoring visit, eight children were living in the home.

The current manager is not yet registered with Ofsted. The registered manager from another of the provider's homes has been providing support at this home, and they were present during the monitoring visit.

Inspection date: 5 March 2024

This monitoring visit

During an assurance inspection on 12 December 2023, serious and widespread concerns were identified relating to the safety and protection of children and the leadership and management of the home. Two compliance notices under Regulation 12 (the protection of children standard) and Regulation 13 (the leadership and management standard) were issued, detailing the steps necessary to address the shortfalls. A notice restricting accommodation was also served to prevent further children from moving into the home.

A monitoring visit took place on 25 January 2024, to review the compliance notices and the notice restricting accommodation. Progress had been made and the compliance notice under Regulation 12 (the protection of children standard) was found to be met. The compliance notice under Regulation 13 (the leadership and management standard) was not met and was reissued. The notice restricting accommodation remained in place.

This visit was carried out to assess the home's progress towards meeting the steps in the remaining compliance notice and to review the notice restricting accommodation in the home.

The home is well furnished throughout, and improvements made since the last monitoring visit have been maintained. Children enjoy free access to the communal areas in the home. This gives them space to relax and unwind, especially at busy times.

Children have recently started to go out in the community more. The manager introduced activity planners that help the children structure their week and support the staff to plan activities for the children. This gives children opportunities to have new experiences and learn important social skills.

Children said that they now feel safe in the home and spoke positively about the recent changes. The children are confident in the new manager and like the manager's respectful and balanced approach.

Staff understand how to support children when they are distressed. Staff use de-escalation effectively and adapt the environment to support children. Physical intervention is used as a last resort. Staff now work consistently within the parameters of the training they have received. Children are safer because of the consistent approach from staff.

Staff understand the risks to children. These are detailed in the children's plans and kept under regular review by the staff and manager. Staff understand their duty to report concerns and the processes to follow. Staff reduce the risks to children through their practice, and this is accurately captured in children's records.

Leaders and managers have made significant improvements in the home. They have a clear understanding of the strengths of the staff team. The manager recognises areas to improve, and they are actively addressing these. The manager is developing a stronger safeguarding culture in the home.

The manager oversees incidents in the home. They use reflection and evaluation to identify any patterns in these as a means to improve staff practice. The manager and staff are supportive of each other. Staff recognise the positive changes in the home.

The compliance notice under Regulation 13 has now been met. Two requirements have also been met. Two requirements have been restated.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
09/05/2023	Full	Good
21/11/2022	Full	Good
04/05/2021	Full	Good
04/03/2020	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 must take to meet The Care Standards Act 2000, The 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 registered person must compile in relation to the children's home a statement ("the statement of purpose") which covers the matters listed in Schedule 1.</p> <p>The registered person must—</p> <p>keep the statement of purpose under review and, where appropriate, revise it; and</p> <p>notify HMCI of any revisions and send HMCI a copy of the revised statement within 28 days of the revision. (Regulation 16 (1) (3)(a)(b))</p> <p>This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.</p>	17 April 2024
<p>The registered person must ensure that an independent person visits the children's home at least once each month.</p> <p>The independent person must produce a report about a visit ("the independent person's report") which sets out, in particular, the independent person's opinion as to whether—</p> <p>children are effectively safeguarded; and</p> <p>the conduct of the home promotes children's well-being. (Regulation 44 (1) (4)(a)(b))</p> <p>This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.</p>	17 April 2024

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: 1183911

Provision sub-type: Residential special school

Registered provider: Young Foundations Limited

Registered provider address: Alexander House, Highfield Park, Llandrynog,
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Responsible individual: David Roach

Registered manager: Post vacant

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