

SC448209

Amberleigh Care Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This private home provides long-term specialist therapeutic care and education for up to 12 young males who have displayed inappropriate or harmful sexualised behaviours.

The manager registered with Ofsted in July 2018.

Inspection date: 7 August 2018

This monitoring visit

This children's home was judged inadequate on 15 May 2018. Nine requirements were raised, three of which were subject to compliance notices. A restriction notice was also issued.

A monitoring inspection was undertaken on 2 July 2018 to check that the compliance notices had been met and progress made. The inspection found that improvements had been made and two out of the three compliance notices had been met. However, managers had not taken sufficient action in respect of young people's privacy and access to different areas of the home. As a result, a further compliance notice was issued due to continued concerns regarding the locking of internal doors and the disproportionate use of door alarms. The restriction of accommodation notice remained in place.

This inspection examined progress made at the home. Inspectors found that managers adhered to the restriction of accommodation notice and no new young people have been admitted to the home. Privacy arrangements have improved. Young people now only have alarms set on bedroom doors in line with individual risk assessments. One of the alarm speakers has been removed from a communal area so that young people are unaware of when this sounds. Staff supervise young people to maintain their safety and well-being. Locks have now been removed from all communal areas, supporting young people's ability to access all appropriate areas of the home.

Young people's files still do not all contain necessary documentation. One young person's file does not contain up-to-date care plans from the placing authority. This requirement is repeated.

Placement plans are clear and give guidance to staff in key aspects of young people's care. Plans link well to the home's therapeutic model and the statement of purpose.

Staff support young people to develop their independence, with young people being involved with apprenticeships, using public transport and budgeting with their earnings.

Risk assessments have improved. These documents now give good analysis of risk alongside guidance to staff about how to respond to concerning behaviours. Sanctions given due to poor behaviour are appropriate and monitored by the management team.

As a result of the improvements made at the home, Ofsted has lifted the restriction of accommodation and deemed that the compliance notice has been met.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
15/05/2018	Full	Inadequate
17/01/2018	Full	Inadequate
04/10/2017	Full	Inadequate
01/03/2017	Interim	Sustained effectiveness

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 registered person must maintain records (“case records”) for each child which—</p> <p>include the information and documents listed in Schedule 3 in relation to each child;</p> <p>are kept up to date. (Regulation 36(1)(a)(b))</p>	<p>04/09/2018</p>

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: SC448209

Provision sub-type: Residential special school

Registered provider: Amberleigh Care Limited

Registered provider address: Amberleigh Care Ltd, Golfa Hall, Golfa, Welshpool, Powys SY21 9AF

Responsible individual: Kevin Gallagher

Registered manager: Carolyn Kartal

Inspectors

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