

1244413

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is owned and managed by a private company. It provides care for up to two children who may experience social and emotional difficulties.

The manager registered with Ofsted in March 2024.

At the time of the inspection, there were two children living in the home.

Inspection date: 14 November 2024

Date of last inspection: 1 May 2024

Judgement at last inspection: requires improvement to be good

Enforcement action since last inspection: not applicable

Information about this inspection

At this inspection, the inspector evaluated:

- the care of children
- the safety of children
- the effectiveness of leaders and managers.

The inspector looked closely at the experiences and progress of children, using the social care common inspection framework. This assurance inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000 to assess the effectiveness of the service, how it meets the core functions of the service as set out in legislation, and to consider how well it complies with The Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards'.

Findings from the inspection

We did not identify any serious or widespread concerns in relation to the care or protection of children at this assurance inspection.

Children are welcomed into the home following planned introductions to staff and the home. Staff visit children to introduce themselves and organise further visits. Photos of the home and the children's guide are shared for children to read and discuss with their carers. This supports children to become familiar with their new home and start to develop relationships prior to moving in.

When children move on from the home, they do so having said goodbye in a positive way. Activities that children enjoy are organised with staff alongside a farewell meal in the home. There is support from the psychologist in planning the move and additional outreach visits to see the children after they move on. This helps the children to maintain contact with familiar adults while they settle into their new home.

Children are helped to share their views and make decisions about their own lives. The children attend monthly meetings and take part in regular discussions with staff. In addition, children contribute to regular consultations and choose what activities and food they would like. This provides children with a sense of control over how they are cared for.

The manager has worked in partnership with the children to introduce a system that rewards them for their positive behaviour and contributions to the home. This motivates and encourages children to engage positively with staff and their peers. Children are helped to explore their emotions and understand the impact of their actions on themselves and others. This promotes a sense of personal responsibility for the children.

The manager challenges placing authorities in the interests of improving children's care and maintaining family relationships. The manager works in line with the home's policy to escalate her concerns until issues are resolved. As a result, children's care plans and updated documents are received, and a child's family time has been maintained.

The medication that children need is stored and administered appropriately. The manager has introduced additional audits that identify any errors quickly. Shortfalls are discussed with staff in daily updates and team meetings. This approach promotes the accuracy of records and the correct administration of medication. There have been no errors in the administration of medication, and recording issues have been addressed.

The manager analyses information from her monitoring of the home to improve the care of children. Reflective practice during team meetings and within staff

supervisions is used to identify areas for development. Consultations with professionals, family and the staff are used to continually improve the experience of children.

The manager ensures that staff receive additional training when gaps are identified. Staff continue to work towards their required qualification, but there remain few staff who have already achieved this. Consequently, the requirement under regulation 13 has been reissued.

The checks that the manager completes to ensure a safe environment have not been effective in identifying that not all fire doors close properly. This includes one communal door and both children's bedrooms. This means that children and staff are at an increased risk of harm in the event of a fire.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
01/05/2024	Full	Requires improvement to be good
18/04/2023	Full	Good
24/01/2023	Full	Inadequate
18/10/2021	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, 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 within the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
The leadership and management standard is that the registered person enables, inspires and leads a culture in relation to the children's home that— helps children aspire to fulfil their potential; and promotes their welfare. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to— ensure that staff have the experience, qualifications and skills to meet the needs of each child. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(c))	26 December 2024
After consultation with the fire and rescue authority, the registered person must— take adequate precautions against the risk of fire, including the provision of suitable fire equipment in the children's home. (Regulation 25 (1)(a))	26 December 2024

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 1244413

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: No. 57 Ltd

Registered provider address: 2 The Calls, Leeds LS2 7JU

Responsible individual: Simon Morson

Registered manager: Simone Heminsley

Inspector

Lee Riley, Social Care Inspector

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