

1252095

Registered provider: Restorative Social Care Services Ltd

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 and/or learning disabilities.

The registered manager has been registered with Ofsted since April 2022. An additional manager has been appointed, who has applied to register with Ofsted.

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

Inspection date: 10 March 2025

Date of last inspection: 30 April 2024

Judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Information about this inspection

At these inspections, 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

This inspection was carried out in response to a specific incident that had been notified to Ofsted. The inspection included a review of documents, speaking to staff, relevant professionals and both children who live in the home. We did not identify any serious or widespread concerns in relation to the care or protection of children at this assurance inspection.

Children have good relationships with trusted staff. Staff know the children well. Staff understand the risks posed to children and support them to understand these risks. Staff take necessary steps to protect children.

Children's wishes and feelings are important. Staff help children to be comfortable and confident to share their views. Staff listen to children's views, and this influences the changes made to the home and children's daily care. Staff are aware of relevant advocacy services that children can access, and staff encourage children to use this support.

Children have positive experiences moving into the home. Transition plans are thorough. One child received information about the home before they moved in. This was presented in a fun and age-appropriate way, providing comfort and reassurance to the child.

Children's risk assessments and care plans are detailed and identify children's needs. They provide staff with appropriate strategies and clear direction, enabling them to confidently care for children.

Staff are knowledgeable about online risks and the encompassing dangers for children. Staff talk with children to develop their understanding of risks, including healthy relationships. However, staff do not have effective knowledge of children's relationships with other children in the community or the effect that these relationships have on children's safety and well-being.

Strategies are implemented to protect children, including restrictions being set on children's mobile phones. Children are not aware of the implementation of this safety plan. The decision to restrict mobile phones has not been agreed through multi-agency discussions. The decision is not regularly reviewed to ensure that this restrictive measure remains effective.

There has been a period of staffing and management instability since the last inspection. Leaders and managers understand the impact of staffing changes on children and have made changes to provide stability. The home is now fully staffed. Staff have the skills and knowledge to provide consistent care for children.

Staff benefit from receiving regular supervision and team meetings. These provide opportunities for staff to reflect on their practice and develop their knowledge and

skills. Staff have said that they feel supported in their roles and are able to fulfil their care role and responsibilities.

The home environment is characteristic of a family home. The decor is modern, and children's bedrooms are personalised to them. Children have access to toys and activities that they like and enjoy. One child expressed love for their toys and specifically the new trampoline.

The recommendation raised at the last inspection has been met. However, the previous requirement has been restated to reflect the outstanding shortfall.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
30/04/2024	Full	Good
17/05/2023	Full	Good
14/02/2023	Full	Inadequate
22/02/2022	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 protection of children standard is that children are protected from harm and enabled to keep themselves safe. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that staff— assess whether each child is at risk of harm, taking into account information in the child's relevant plans, and, if necessary, make arrangements to reduce the risk of any harm to the child; help each child to understand how to keep safe; have the skills to identify and act upon signs that a child is at risk of harm; manage relationships between children to prevent them from harming each other; understand the roles and responsibilities in relation to protecting children that are assigned to them by the registered person. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(a)(i)(ii)(iii)(iv)(v)) Sections of this requirement have been restated.	10 June 2025
The registered person must ensure that— the privacy of children is appropriately protected; any limitation placed on a child's privacy or access to any area of the home's premises— is intended to safeguard each child accommodated in the home; is necessary and proportionate;	10 April 2025

is kept under review and, if necessary, revised.
(Regulation 21 (a)(c)(i)(ii)(iii))

In particular, the registered person must ensure that children are aware of any arrangements that preclude them from accessing their personal electronic devices. Arrangements must be agreed through multi-agency working and be reviewed regularly.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 1252095

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered manager: Stephen Tuck

Inspector

Sarah McGow, Social Care Inspector

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