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Registered provider: Solid Global Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is run by a privately owned limited company. It provides care for up to two children. The home specialises in providing therapeutic care for children with mental health needs.

The home is managed by a suitably experienced manager who registered with Ofsted in October 2023.

Inspection date: 13 August 2024

Date of last inspection: 9 April 2024

Judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

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 has 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.

This inspection was undertaken due to an increased number of notifications to the regulator of serious incidents.

At the time of this visit, two children were living at the home. Since the last inspection one child has moved into the home and no children have moved out.

Moves into the home are well planned. The manager has considered the timing and needs of any new children and taken into consideration the views of the child already living in the home.

Despite careful planning, the arrival of a child new to the home has resulted in increased anxiety for the child already living there. Staff know this child well and have been careful to keep the impact to a minimum, encouraging their routine and engagement in regular activities.

Plans for children are child-focused and individual. Staff regularly update plans with new and emerging risks, along with new strategies to help children when they are struggling with their emotions.

Staff are starting to form positive relationships with the new child. The child said they liked the home and staff, and they were able to name staff they liked and could talk to, including the manager.

Children are subject to restrictions which help keep them safe. Despite this, staff are creative in helping children enjoy activities as any other child would. Staff take children shopping, for walks, on trips to the park, to funfairs, swimming, the gym, indoor climbing and ice skating.

Most areas of the home are homely and personalised to children's tastes. However, one child's bedroom did not have a covering on the window. This does not create a welcoming space for the child and means they do not have the privacy they need.

External professionals and children's families are complimentary about the home, the manager and staff. They said that staff work hard to help the children progress and keep them safe.

The manager has systems to monitor the progress of children. However, he has not identified gaps in the home's logbook and children's daily record books. This means details of what is happening at the home and with children are unclear.

The manager has worked hard to meet the requirements and recommendations from the last inspection. All the requirements and two recommendations were met. One of the recommendations could not be assessed at this inspection and will be considered at the next inspection. Two new recommendations are made.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
09/04/2024	Full	Good
25/09/2023	Full	Requires improvement to be good
13/06/2023	Full	Inadequate
10/01/2023	Full	Requires improvement to be good

What does the children's home need to do to improve?

Recommendations

- The registered person should maintain good employment practice and ensure that recruitment, supervision and performance management of staff safeguard children and minimise potential risks to them. Specifically, that there is a record of how staff have been assessed as suitable at the end of their probation. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 61, paragraph 13.1)
- The registered person should ensure staff are familiar with the home's policies on record-keeping and understand the importance of careful, objective and clear recording. In particular, children's daily logbooks and the home's handover book should be completed. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 62, paragraph 14.4)
- The registered person should ensure that the children's home is a nurturing, homely and supportive environment that meets the needs of the children. Specifically, that if children are unable to have curtains at their bedroom windows, an alternative is found so that their privacy can be maintained. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 15, paragraph 3.9)

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 1259178

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Inspector

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