

1263329

Registered provider: Albrighton Care Ltd

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is privately owned and provides care for up to two children with learning disabilities and complex needs.

The manager registered with Ofsted on 28 April 2023. She holds a level 5 diploma in leadership, health and social care.

Inspection date: 26 March 2024

Date of last inspection: 26 September 2023

Judgement at last inspection: requires improvement to be 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.

Staff have formed nurturing relationships with children. They have a strong understanding of children's needs and the things that matter most to them. One child is supported by staff to attend their place of worship on a weekly basis.

Children engage in a range of leisure activities. This supports their personal development while having fun.

Children make good progress with their education. There is effective partnership working between managers at the home and education services. As a result, children attend education provisions which are suitable for their needs.

Staff have a good knowledge of children's health needs. They have received bespoke training to understand and respond to the specific needs of one child. As a result, children's health and welfare are promoted.

Children have a positive experience of moving on from the home. Care planning arrangements are strong and children are prepared well by staff to understand and manage their next steps.

Staff use their knowledge of children and the positive relationships they have with them to manage and de-escalate difficult situations and challenging behaviour. When physical interventions are used by staff to keep children safe, this is as a last resort. Children and staff have the opportunity to talk through what happened with someone not involved in the incident and raise any concerns. Strong management oversight promotes safe practice and learning.

Internal monitoring systems and monthly independent visitor reports all support the development of the home. The manager also uses her six-monthly quality of care review effectively to reflect on what has gone well and set actions for the coming months. This is helping to bring about continued improvements in the quality of care provided to children.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
26/09/2023	Full	Requires improvement to be good
15/11/2022	Full	Good
01/03/2022	Full	Good
07/01/2020	Full	Good

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 1263329

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered provider address: 15 Heritage Park, Hayes Way, Cannock WS11 7LT

Responsible individual: Kerry Hutchinson

Registered manager: Sara Parkes

Inspector

Chanel Bryant, Social Care Inspector

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