

1263773

Registered provider: Platform Childcare Ltd

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is owned by a private company. It is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to four children who experience emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

Inspection date: 18 February 2020

Date of last inspection: 29 May 2019

Judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

This inspection

The effectiveness of the home and the progress and experiences of children and young people since the most recent full inspection

This home was judged good at the last full inspection.
At the interim inspection, Ofsted judges that it has improved effectiveness.

Since the previous inspection, the home has steadily improved. The two recommendations made at the last inspection have been met.

Children have continued to make excellent progress from their starting points. Staff offer nurturing care and develop very positive relationships with children. A child said: 'I give here 9 out of 10. I trust staff.' Children have been helped to access specialist support that has helped them to come to terms with early childhood trauma.

Careful planning takes place when children are introduced into the home. The registered manager demonstrates a good understanding of effective placement matching. The management's commitment to admitting children only following a detailed assessment is a significant factor in achieving a safe home environment.

All children are engaged in creative packages of education. One child is being well supported to achieve GCSE qualifications this year. A teacher said: 'He receives the one-to-one support he needs from staff, both emotionally and academically. Staff have focused him to be the best person he can be, and they put a positive spin on everything.'

Behaviour management is excellent. Children become better able to regulate their behaviours and emotions. When incidents do happen, the manager and staff strive to understand the issue from the point of view of the child. Consequently, physical intervention in the home is rare.

Children become safer when they move to the home. Risk-taking behaviours reduce, and children become less vulnerable to exploitation. Staff have an excellent understanding of safeguarding processes. A social worker said: 'Since the child has moved to the placement, she has not gone missing from care. This speaks volumes for me.'

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
29/05/2019	Full	Good

Information about this inspection

This inspection focused on the effectiveness of the home and the progress and experiences of children and young people since the most recent full inspection.

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people, using the 'Social care common inspection framework'. This 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'.

Children's home details

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Provision sub-type: Children's home

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