

1263977

Registered provider: Care Perspectives Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home provides care for up to eight children with mental health difficulties and/or associated complex needs. The home registered in December 2017.

The registered manager is suitably experienced and holds the relevant qualification. They registered with Ofsted on 19 October 2023.

Inspection date: 25 January 2024

Date of last inspection: 16 May 2023

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.

The inspection took place after Ofsted had received concerns about children's care.

There were seven children living in the home at the time of the inspection. Since the last full inspection in May 2023, no children have moved out of the home.

The home has undergone refurbishment and redecoration. This continues to be a work in progress. The manager has considered children's views when decorating the home, such as using the colour theme of their favourite football team. As a result, children are living in a much more homely and inclusive environment. They also feel that their views are important.

Staff form positive relationships with children. Children are able to confide in them about any worries or anxiety. Staff advocate for children and help them to assert their wishes and feelings. Since living in the home, two children no longer have a health diagnosis. This was as a result of the manager advocating with professionals for a review of their health needs.

The home provides clinical support for children and their families. This helps families to rebuild their relationships with one another. As a result, some children have safely reunified with their family. Other children are now spending more time with their family members. As a result, children reconnect with people who are important to them. This encourages positive self-image and self-esteem.

Staff encourage children to develop healthier lifestyles. They encourage children to develop nutritious and well-balanced diets. Children design their own menus and choose the staff they prefer to cook for them.

Children enjoy positive experiences living at the home. They enjoy an array of activities, such as attending the gym or going to the cinema. Children enjoy going on holiday to a variety of places. Some children have recently enjoyed a holiday abroad.

Staff support children to engage in their education. One child who had not engaged in education for some time is now attending school. Their teacher said that they are making excellent progress. They also said that this was due to good partnership working and consistency in the home.

The manager and staff understand their safeguarding roles and responsibilities. Incidents in the home have been significantly reduced. Staff encourage positive relationships between children. They use support from the organisation's clinical

team to do so. As a result, children enjoy spending time with each other. Some children refer to each other as their family members.

The manager and staff are in tune with children's behaviour. They know children well and understand their needs. Staff receive guidance from the home's clinical team. This helps staff to respond to children with empathy and acceptance. As a result, children feel that they are genuinely cared for.

The manager has good oversight of the home. Managers have effective monitoring and review systems in place. They quickly identify shortfalls in the quality of care children receive. The manager takes effective action when necessary to improve standards of care.

No new requirements were issued as a result of this inspection. Two recommendations were removed, and one remains.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
16/05/2023	Full	Good
06/06/2022	Full	Requires improvement to be good
29/03/2022	Interim	Sustained effectiveness
23/06/2021	Full	Requires improvement to be good

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

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that the children's home is a nurturing and supportive environment that meets the needs of the children. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 15, paragraph 3.9)

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 1263977

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Care Perspectives Limited

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Responsible individual: Rodrigo Ferreira

Registered manager: Sarah Davies

Inspector

Sarah Berry, Social Care Inspector

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