

1270731

Registered provider: Tab Care and Support Limited

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is owned and managed by a private provider. It provides care for up to three children who may experience social and/or emotional difficulties.

At the time of the inspection, there were three children living in the home.

The manager registered with Ofsted in December 2023.

Inspection dates: 18 and 19 August 2025

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people, taking into account	good
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How well children and young people are helped and protected	good
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The effectiveness of leaders and managers	good
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The children's home provides effective services that meet the requirements for good.

Date of last inspection: 17 September 2024

Overall judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
17/09/2024	Full	Good
04/09/2023	Full	Good
24/01/2023	Full	Good
05/05/2021	Full	Good

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

Since the last inspection, one child has left the home and two children have moved into the home. The home has been unsettled, but because of action taken by the registered manager, it is now settled.

Children and staff have developed good relationships that help to create a calm and caring environment for children. As a result, children benefit from living in a happy, warm and welcoming home.

Children are making good progress from their starting points. For some children, education remains an issue, with one child refusing to attend their school placement. When children experience issues with their education, the registered manager takes action to address the concerns swiftly and diligently. This ensures that children are given the opportunity to reach their academic potential. For other children, educational progress is good.

The physical and mental health needs of children are promoted through regular health checks. Children can also engage with the company's psychologist to promote their mental health. Children say this service has helped them to share their concerns and worries and helped them to feel calmer as a result.

Staff work hard to help children keep in touch with their families and other people who are important to them. One child recently enjoyed a birthday party at the home with their parents and siblings. Staff arranged this as they were aware of the importance of the family spending this day celebrating together. Staff also purchased Christmas pyjamas for the family so that they could spend time over the festive period celebrating together.

How well children and young people are helped and protected: good

Staff understand their safeguarding responsibilities and take appropriate action when needed. Overall, safeguarding practice in the home is strong.

One child's risk-taking behaviour increased after they moved into the home. While staff took effective action to promote the child's safety, these incidents were having an impact on the other children in the home. The child subsequently moved on from the home.

When children go missing from home, staff take action to locate them and return them home. Relevant professionals are involved to promote the safety of children. Return home interviews are carried out to ensure that any learning is identified and considered to improve practice and reduce risks for children.

Staff rarely need to use physical intervention to manage children's behaviours. When they do, this is appropriate and proportionate. Good reflection after the event helps staff to think about incidents and learn so that they can improve their practice.

A requirement was made at the last inspection regarding necessary repairs to the bathroom and kitchen. Despite frequent challenge by the manager, this remains outstanding. The bathroom and kitchen remain worn and require update and repairs. There are plans in place to refit the bathroom.

Overall, the manager addresses complaints appropriately and involves relevant professionals to promote the safety of children and staff. On one occasion, records did not sufficiently identify the action taken by the registered manager or steps taken to safeguard children.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

There is an experienced and qualified registered manager in post. She is reflective and child centred in her approach to care for children, creating a warm and relaxing environment for children to live in. She ensures that her ethos and values are shared with the staff team.

The manager has effective systems to evaluate the standard of care at the home. When shortfalls are identified, she takes action to address these concerns, being clear about the standards that are expected at the home.

Staff support children to make memories while living in the home by providing them with the opportunity to participate in a range of activities as well as celebrating special occasions. Staff are also planning to take children abroad for a holiday in the October half-term..

Staff benefit from a range of training that helps them to carry out their roles. The training needs of staff are considered as part of the admissions process for children, to ensure that staff have the skills to meet the needs of children. Staff receive regular planned individual supervision to discuss their performance and personal development. When necessary, this is also used as an opportunity for the registered manager to address any performance or conduct concerns, to improve practice at the home.

External professionals say they are satisfied with the high standard of care provided at the home and staff's dedication to the safety and well-being of children. One said, 'Staff are proactive in their approach to safeguarding children and go above and beyond for the children in their care.'

Experiences for children when moving into and out of the home are mixed. Records do not always reflect the level of work carried out by the registered manager to assess the suitability of placements at the home. Also, although regular direct work is carried out with children, their views and wishes are not always reflected in records.

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

Statutory requirements

This section sets out the actions that the registered person 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 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 the premises used for the purposes of the home are designed, furnished and maintained so as to protect each child from avoidable hazards to the child's health. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(d))	28 February 2026
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— understand the roles and responsibilities in relation to protecting children that are assigned to them by the registered person; take effective action whenever there is a serious concern about a child's welfare. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(a)(v)(vi)) In particular, that records are clear about the actions taken to address complaints made by children.	28 February 2026

Recommendations

- The registered person should ensure that children are consulted regularly on their views about the home's care, to inform and support continued improvement in the quality of care provided. Children should be able to see the results of their views being listened to and acted on. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 22, paragraph 4.11)

- The registered person should only accept placements for children where they are satisfied that the home can respond effectively to the child's assessed needs as recorded in the child's relevant plans and where they have fully considered the impact that the placement will have on the existing group of children. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 56, paragraph 11.4)

Information about this 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

Unique reference number: 1270731

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Inspector

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