

1280370

Registered provider: Time-Out Childrens Homes Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is privately owned. It is registered to provide care for up to two children. If required, children can access the organisation's school and therapy department.

There is currently no registered manager.

Inspection date: 12 February 2024

Date of last inspection: 11 October 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.

Since the last inspection, one child has moved from the home to live closer to his family. The child had lived at the home for over four years and made significant progress in all areas of his life. Staff and children were able to celebrate his time living at the home, and he took with him gifts and a memory book to remember his time there.

At the time of the inspection, one child was living at the home. The child has lived there for over 18 months and is making progress, developing skills in cooking, managing social skills, trying out new experiences and spending time in the community with friends and staff. The child likes living in the home, enjoys good relationships with all the staff and has confidence in the acting manager, who 'will sort out anything'.

The acting manager has worked closely with the virtual school head and local schools to find the most suitable school for the child to attend. This has not been easy and has taken some time and perseverance, but the child continues to make some progress. The staff and the child have worked together to develop a unique reward system to encourage good behaviour and attendance.

Since the last inspection, a safeguarding concern has been investigated by the placing authority, which was found to be unfounded. The acting manager's records indicate that the matter was handled well, and additional safeguards were put in place to ensure that everyone remained safe.

There has been one use of restraint. Records indicate that this was necessary and proportionate.

Immediately following the last inspection, the registered manager resigned. Since then, the home has been managed by the safeguarding and practice lead. She has made significant improvements to the home, including redecoration and new furnishings. Bespoke murals chosen by the children have been painted on the bedroom walls to create a sense of belonging and ownership.

All the requirements and recommendations made at the last inspection have been met. Staff reported that they feel very well supported and have access to regular supervision, training and development opportunities. One staff member said, 'It used to be chaotic; now it's calm and ordered, and I feel so much lighter.'

The provider has appointed a new, experienced manager who intends to take up his post in March.

No requirements or recommendations were made at this inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
11/10/2023	Full	Requires improvement to be good
17/01/2023	Full	Good
16/12/2021	Full	Outstanding
03/12/2019	Interim	Sustained effectiveness

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 1280370

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Time-Out Childrens Homes Limited

Registered provider address: Unit 2, Ripponden Mill, Mill Fold, Ripponden,
Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire HX6 4DH

Responsible individual: Janet Lumb

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Helen Humphreys, His Majesty's Inspector

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