

2483830

Registered provider: Keswick Care Ltd

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This newly registered and privately run children's home is registered to provide care and accommodation for two children who have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties. The manager is suitably qualified and experienced and is registered with Ofsted. This home opened in October 2018. The manager was running another home with the same company before moving premises to this address, along with the existing staff team.

Inspection date: 9 January 2020

Date of last inspection: 10 September 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 last inspection, the home has continued to provide safe, nurturing and effective care to the child living at the home. The child has been able to build further on the trusting relationships she has with staff and is enjoying a period of stability and consistency in her home. The child sees the home as her own and has a sense of belonging and permanence. She can be territorial over the home and the staff, which has contributed to a previous decline in behaviour when sharing the home. However, the manager is proactive in identifying the child's need for a solo period in the home and advocating on behalf of the child.

Staff are supporting the child to make further progress in school. Previous issues with attendance and engagement have been addressed through effective key-working sessions. Staff attend parents' evenings so that they are fully aware of her progress in school and promote this further by supporting the child with her homework. Staff communicate well with education colleagues and attend important events. This has resulted in a marked improvement in the child's achievements, behaviour and her ability to manage her emotions.

A change in the recording of key-work sessions demonstrates their impact in how the staff support the child to make progress in her development. The child has input into the planning of key-work sessions, her voice is very well recorded, and the outcomes are shared with her to celebrate her success. There is a clear focus on her development and progress, for which the child is a partner in achieving her goals.

The child is making good progress in her personal relationships and is now maintaining some friendships and a relationship with her boyfriend. She has opportunities to have free time with friends and key-work sessions are effective in helping the child to understand risk and not place herself in unsafe situations. The risk of exploitation has lowered considerably and while she remains vulnerable, there is no evidence of ongoing risk-taking behaviours. The support received from counselling is having a positive impact on the child's overall presentation and her mental well-being.

Staff have a comprehensive understanding of risks and how these might impact on the child. Within the risk assessment, the impact of the identified risk, the support of staff, other professionals' responsibilities and the child's ability to keep herself safe are considered. This means that plans put in place to mitigate risk are focused on areas of need and are therefore more effective in reducing the risk of harm.

The manager is focused on maintaining the progression of the child, the staff and the home. Staff training is a priority and the manager works closely with the

independent visitor to focus on developing practice. The regulation 45 report is a particular strength, demonstrating the manager's oversight of the home. She has an excellent grip on the strengths and areas for development and is proactive in achieving goals. This ensures that the staff are constantly striving towards improvement.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
10/09/2019	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

Unique reference number: 2483830

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Keswick Care Ltd

Registered provider address: Hylton House, 150 Barnsley Road, Hemsworth, Pontefract WF9 4PQ

Responsible individual: Lorraine Sadd

Registered manager: Laura Ellis

Inspector

Deb Duffy: Social Care Inspector

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