

2575432

Registered provider: All Round Care Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is operated by a private provider. The provider's statement of purpose states that they provide care for one child between the ages of 11 and 17 years who may have social and/or emotional difficulties.

Inspection date: 28 March 2023

Date of last inspection: 15 June 2022

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.

Inspectors have 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 care of children

The child living in the home has remained settled since the last inspection and is making good progress. She is cared for by an established and stable staff team. This has provided the child with stability and consistency in the care she receives. The child is listened to, and action is taken to meet her requests. Staff have changed their working patterns to meet the child's needs and preferences.

The child accesses an alternative education provision. Bespoke arrangements have been implemented to support her attendance and engagement. Staff support her to access work placements alongside formal education to equip her with knowledge and experience for future career choices.

Staff work hard to ensure that all the child's health needs are met. Therapeutic support has been commissioned to improve her psychological and emotional health. Staff are proactive in accessing specialist support to address issues when they arise.

The safety of children

Safeguarding incidents have reduced. When incidents have occurred, these have been reported promptly to the relevant agencies.

Incidents of going missing from home have significantly reduced for the child. When incidents do occur, staff manage these well and actively look for her. They have a good understanding and knowledge of her relationships with family and friends. This supports them to find her when she goes missing from the home.

Risk assessment documents are clear and detailed. They provide clear guidance for staff to follow and are reviewed and updated following incidents. The home's health and safety risk assessments are up to date and reviewed on a regular basis. CCTV has been removed from the rear exterior of the property. However, it remains at the front of the property. There is a policy in place for its use and appropriate consent from the child's social worker is recorded.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers

The home is managed by an experienced manager. She strives to provide good care to the child at all times. The home is maintained to a good standard. The manager has plans to make some improvements in the home to maintain high standards.

The home is fully staffed. All staff have now undertaken first-aid and fire safety training. However, not all staff have completed the range of training required to meet the child's specific needs. This requirement therefore remains.

The manager uses external monitoring of the home well. She welcomes challenge and scrutiny to identify shortfalls. She has high expectations of her staff and provides them with good support.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
15/06/2022	Full	Requires improvement to be good
23/06/2021	Full	Good

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, 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 leadership and management standard is that the registered person enables, inspires and leads a culture in relation to the children's home that— helps children aspire to fulfil their potential; and promotes their welfare. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to— ensure that staff have the experience, qualifications and skills to meet the needs of each child. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(c)) Specifically, that the manager and staff undertake all training relevant to the child's needs.	10 May 2023

Recommendations

- The registered person's reviews of the quality of care should enable the registered person to identify areas of strength and possible weakness in the home's care, which will be captured in the written report. The report should clearly identify any actions required for the next six months of delivery within the home and how those actions will be addressed. The whole review process and the resulting report should be used as a tool for continuous improvement in the home. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 65, paragraph 15.4)
- The home's records on each child represent a significant contribution to their life history. The registered manager should ensure that children and their parents are supported to understand the nature of records kept by the home and how to access them. In particular, the language used in children's records should be considerate and appropriate. Records should refrain from including unnecessary opinion. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 62, paragraph 14.5)

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2575432

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: All Round Care Limited

Registered provider address: 6 Renwick Square, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Wigan
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Registered manager: Kelly Torpey

Inspector

Claire Hobbs, Social Care Inspector

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