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Registered provider: All Round Care Limited

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is privately owned. It provides care for one child who may experience social and emotional difficulties.

At the time of this inspection, there was one child living in the home.

The manager registered with Ofsted in May 2020.

Inspection dates: 30 and 31 October 2024

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: 19 December 2023

Overall judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
19/12/2023	Full	Good
15/06/2022	Full	Requires improvement to be good
23/06/2021	Full	Good

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

The child moved into the home in June 2024. They settled in quickly and were warmly welcomed by staff. They enjoy living at the home and have developed positive and warm relationships with the adults who support them. The child said, 'It's nice here. It's nice being back near my family.'

Following a change in the child's personal circumstances, the manager has requested an updated care plan from the placing authority. The social worker said, '[The child's name] has expressed how well he gets on with the staff. Staff have good relationships with him, and they know him very well. They have a good understanding of his needs.'

The child missed a significant amount of education prior to them moving into the home. Staff are supportive of the child's education and, with their support and encouragement, the child now attends school regularly. Staff work in close partnership with the child's education provider to promote their learning and achievements.

Staff promote family time to help the child sustain their close relationships with the people who are most important to them. The child enjoys a range of activities that staff provide to develop their interests and hobbies. The child has been on a summer holiday with staff and enjoyed trips to the cinema, bowling, a theme park and an outdoor adventure centre.

The child's bedroom is appropriately personalised and reflects their needs and preferences. The child said, 'I like the home the way it is. This is one place that I wouldn't mind living in until I'm 18.' They described their experiences of life at the home as being 'happy, relaxed and safe'.

The child's health needs are met effectively. The child is registered with the services that they need to be healthy. Staff support their attendance at health appointments and encourage them to lead and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Staff store and administer the child's medication safely.

Staff provide the child with effective support through one-to-one work. The child has access to weekly therapy to promote their psychological and emotional well-being. A therapist also supports the staff to meet the child's needs through therapeutic parenting.

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

Staff ensure that the child benefits from a cosy, comfortable and homely living environment. Overall, health and safety matters are managed effectively. However, a gas safety certificate has recently expired, and the portable electrical test certificate is outstanding. The manager has since taken steps to rectify these issues.

Staff prioritise the child's safety and ensure their well-being. They have a good understanding of the child's needs and specific vulnerabilities. They follow risk management plans to promote the child's safety, reducing their risk of harm. Since the child moved into the home, there have been no safeguarding concerns and no significant incidents. There have been no complaints, allegations or restraints.

There are clear protocols and procedures for staff to follow in the event of the child going missing from the home. However, there have been no missing-from-home incidents since the child moved into the home.

Staff are trained to safely manage behaviours that challenge. They praise children's positive behaviour and ensure that the use of consequences is kept to a minimum. Consequences that are used, are fair, balanced and proportionate. However, some records were incomplete and did not contain the manager's evaluation.

Staff are trained in therapeutic parenting and apply their skills and knowledge in day-to-day practice. They foster a caring, supportive and nurturing approach, showing the child empathy and kindness. This helps the child to form their positive attachments with staff and ensures that they feel safe and secure. The child said, 'The staff are chilled out and funny and I can actually talk to the staff.'

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

The registered manager is extremely child focused, dedicated and committed. They exercise strong and effective leadership of the day-to-day operation of the home. The manager champions the child's needs effectively.

Staff benefit from a supportive and enthusiastic manager who leads them by example. The manager stimulates staff's enthusiasm and channels their efforts effectively. The manager fosters a culture of positivity where staff have consistently high aspirations for children.

Staff benefit from appropriate training opportunities to enable them to meet the specific needs of the child. There are regular team meetings, and staff are provided with regular supervision. This ensures that staff can reflect on their practice and review and monitor the child's progress and experiences.

An external independent person visits the home each month to assess the quality, safety and standard of the child's care. They provide effective scrutiny of practice and help the manager to understand the strengths and weaknesses of the care provided. The manager acts on feedback given and tackles shortfalls to secure improvement.

The manager ensures that safer recruitment practices are followed carefully to secure the safety and well-being of children. This ensures that the child is cared for by staff who are checked and properly vetted. A stable staff team is employed to provide the child with stability and consistency.

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

Statutory requirements

This section sets out the actions that the registered person(s) 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(s) 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)) This relates specifically to ensuring that safety certificates are in place for gas and portable electrical appliances.	31 December 2024
The care planning standard is that children— receive effectively planned care in or through the children's home; and have a positive experience of arriving at or moving on from the home. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that each child's relevant plans are followed. (Regulation 14 (1)(a)(b) (2)(c)) This relates to a revised care plan being obtained from the placing authority.	31 December 2024

Recommendations

- The registered person should ensure that all incidents of control, discipline and restraint are subject to systems of regular scrutiny to ensure that their use is fair. This is specifically in relation to the use, recording and evaluation of consequences. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 48, paragraph 9.36)

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: 2575432

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered manager: Kelly Torpey

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