

2588486

Registered provider: Beaufort Care Group Ltd

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home provides care for up to three children. There are currently two children living in the home. They were both seen during the inspection.

The manager has submitted an application to register with Ofsted.

Inspection dates: 20 and 21 March 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: 11 July 2023

Overall judgement at last inspection: requires improvement to be good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
11/07/2023	Full	Requires improvement to be good
18/04/2023	Full	Inadequate
04/01/2023	Full	Inadequate
01/02/2022	Full	Good

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

Both children who live in the home were seen on the day of inspection. The home has recently been refurbished to a very high standard. It has a welcoming and homely atmosphere, helped by the house tortoise and staff bringing their pets to visit. The Children say they enjoy living at the home. They look forward to visits from the dog and taking him for walks.

Staff consistently provide children with clear boundaries and expectations, which they understand and respond well to. Staff support children to understand their feelings through meaningful conversations and positive role modelling. This has helped create relationships based on trust and respect in the home. Endings to difficult conversations are thoughtful and ensure that children are not left to manage big feelings alone.

Children are celebrated when they do well and enjoy unexpected rewards. Staff and the children celebrated when one child won his place in a football college. Children are supported to see the people who are important to them. The children are encouraged to invite their family and friends to visit. Staff work with children to recognise what a healthy relationship looks like. This helps ensure that relationships that matter to the children are supported to flourish.

Education is supported well in the home. Staff encourage routines and support children who have been out of school for a long time to establish routines and encourage them to work with tutors. Children enjoy a wide variety of activities and are encouraged to pursue their passions. One child is taking ice skating lessons. Children also enjoy walking, arts and crafts and movie nights.

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

Staff are proactive about safeguarding and supporting children to learn to recognise risks for themselves in creative ways. Following a concern about car safety, staff designed a presentation to highlight the risks and how to be safe as some children find visual learning easier to process.

Staff understand how to keep children safe. They respond well to safeguarding concerns and have robust internal processes to recognise, assess and track risks. When appropriate, worries are escalated to partner agencies in a timely manner. Care planning accurately reflects risk, and helps staff know how to meet children's needs and helps support staff to keep them safe.

When restraints happen, they are proportionate and usually follow the advice in the children's plans. Support is offered to the children after the event, but pre-emptive work does not always happen. Managers have oversight and ensure that there is reflective learning alongside strong relationships to reduce the likelihood of further occurrences.

Managers provide comprehensive oversight of the daily operations in the home, ensuring that staff are equipped to identify safeguarding concerns. Through training and open conversations, they support less-experienced team members in understanding risks, fostering a culture of professional curiosity about each child's experiences and well-being. Staff care about the children and take an active interest in their lives. This collective approach ensures that safeguarding concerns are promptly recognised and effectively addressed, creating a safer and more supportive environment for the children.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

The home manager is ambitious for the staff team and for the children in the home. Following a period of change, he has fostered an environment where learning and growth are expected, empowering staff to become more confident in managing safeguarding concerns. Providing a stable and nurturing home remains a key priority. The ongoing training and development of the team are actively supported by a dedicated and hands-on management team, ensuring the best possible care and outcomes for the children.

Children's views are central to care planning and are taken into account in a variety of ways, for example formally in formats such as You Said, We Did, and informally through conversations. Taking children's views into account resulted in one child having a new mentor assigned to her because of the home advocating on her behalf.

The manager is aware of his team's strengths and development areas. Regular supervisions are held which staff report are helpful and reflective. They feel they receive good training which is directed at meeting the needs of the children. The home is fully staffed. Despite being a newly formed team, staff say they have a good relationship with each other and the children. This has created a warm environment where children feel safe, build trust, and make good progress.

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

Recommendations

- The registered manager should ensure that behaviour management strategies are understood by staff and adhered to at all times. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 46, paragraph 9.34)

Information about this inspection

The inspector has 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

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