

2593261

Registered provider: Continuum Support – Care Services Limited

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is operated by a private provider. It offers care for up to 2 children who may experience social and emotional difficulties.

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

The manager registered with Ofsted in October 2024.

Inspection dates: 2 and 3 March 2026

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: 17 December 2024

Overall judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
17/12/2024	Full	Good
17/10/2023	Full	Good
16/08/2022	Full	Requires improvement to be good
15/03/2022	Full	Good

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

Since the last inspection, one child moved out of the home into supported accommodation. Leaders and managers worked with the child and their social worker to ensure that the move was well planned. Staff maintained contact with the child after they left.

The child living at the home said they are happy there and can talk to staff about any issues.

Children are helped to develop independence skills and are encouraged to take age-appropriate risks. Leaders and managers develop independent living skills plans that outline individualised support for children. Children who have access to the internet receive support to stay safe online.

Children enjoy a range of positive activities, such as off-road motorcycle racing, cadets, fishing and playing pool. Children spend time with staff making memories, for example, through going on summer holidays and creating a vegetable garden.

Staff understand children's barriers to education and advocate for their needs in meetings. Children are encouraged to engage in education, training, and employment. As a result, one child successfully achieved qualifications before leaving the home and received support to access work experience. They have now secured full-time paid employment and received positive feedback from their employer.

Staff prioritise children's relationships with their families and friends and positive links with their relatives. This helps children make and sustain enduring relationships with people who are important to them. When needed, children's time with family is supervised sensitively.

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

The child currently living at the home said they feel safe. Staff understand their safeguarding responsibilities and what to do in a range of different safeguarding scenarios. As a result, staff can help children stay safe.

Serious incidents are rare. There have been no incidents of children going missing from home. Children are open about who their friends are and how they spend their time in the local community. When children go out, staff maintain regular contact with them to check they are safe and well. These approaches contribute to children's safety.

Staff receive training focused on emerging risks in the local community, such as knife crime and criminal exploitation. However, they have had limited conversations about

these risks with children. As a result, there have been missed opportunities to develop children's awareness of risk and how to keep themselves safe.

Staff maintain appropriate boundaries and have clear expectations for behaviour. This supports children's wellbeing and emotional development. Restraint is only used when there is a risk to a child's safety and it is a proportionate response. Leaders and managers ensure that trusting relationships are maintained with the children following restraints.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

The manager is skilled and experienced. They have excellent oversight and know the home's strengths and areas for development. The manager carries out thorough audits and uses them to drive improvement plans. An independent person visits the home each month, and the manager promptly responds to their recommendations.

The manager challenges external agencies effectively when children are not receiving the services they are entitled to. The manager is a strong advocate for children.

A stable staff team provides support to children. Staff new to the home benefit from a clear induction plan. Regular performance reviews help staff consider their learning needs and develop their practice. Staff benefit from monthly reflective supervision, which is an opportunity to discuss children's care and progress. Staff say they feel valued by the manager.

Staff work well as a team; they have contrasting skills and offer respectful challenge to each other. Staff meetings offer an arena to celebrate successes and share good practice.

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

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that children are aware of risks in the community so that they can manage their safety outside of the home. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards,' page 43, paragraph 9.9)

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: 2593261

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered manager: Christopher White

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