

2594061

Nestlings Care Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is privately owned. It is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to three children or young people.

The manager is experienced and suitably qualified for the role.

The home was registered with Ofsted in July 2020.

Inspection dates: 1 and 2 March 2021

This monitoring visit

Due to the restrictions in place relating to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, this monitoring visit was carried out off site. The visit was to investigate potential breaches of regulations, following information being shared with Ofsted in notifications that indicated a potential risk of harm to children. The visit included a review of documents, a virtual tour of the building, and discussions with children, staff, families and relevant professionals.

Staff work hard to manage children's risks and vulnerabilities. They work closely with the mental health team, which is influential in helping develop and implement strategies designed to manage children's risks. This ensures that staff know what practical action they need to take and what emotional support they need to provide in order to promote the children's safety and well-being.

Risk assessments and behaviour support plans are detailed and provide the staff with strategies that help them to support the children to emotionally regulate. These plans are reviewed weekly in risk-assessment reviews with the manager and the in-house multidisciplinary team. This helps to ensure that children's needs and vulnerabilities are understood and addressed.

Physical intervention is only used as a last resort in this home. When incidents do happen, they are well recorded and there is good management oversight. This helps to ensure that appropriate learning takes place after each intervention.

All admissions are carefully planned and well thought out by the manager. This helps to ensure that children are warmly welcomed by staff and are helped to settle as soon as they arrive at the home.

Staff have access to specialist therapeutic and child mental health training. This helps them to support the emotional well-being of the children.

There are many opportunities for children to have their say. They have regular children's meetings with staff, where they can have a say about menus, activities and interests. Children are encouraged in these meetings to value diversity and discuss current affairs, and to express any worries they have.

Children are supported to pursue their interests and hobbies. One child has developed her own gardening area within the home and is supported to take part in activities she enjoys.

Professionals and families say that staff work well in partnership with them, and that the manager advocates well for the children. For example, the manager and staff have continued to support one child who is currently in a secure environment due to their complex mental health needs. A parent said, 'They [staff] go above and beyond in their efforts to support my child.'

Recent inspection history

Inspection date

Not previously inspected

Information about this inspection

The purpose of this visit was to monitor the progress made by the children's home since registration with Ofsted.

This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2594061

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Nestlings Care Limited

Registered provider address: Suite 4, 1 Derby Street, Leigh, Lancashire WN7 4PF

Responsible individual: Anthony Thompson

Registered manager: Sharron Openshaw

Inspector

Noel Cooper, Social Care Inspector

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