

2598004

Registered provider: Strive to Care Limited

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is owned and managed by a private provider. It provides care for up to 3 children who may experience social and emotional difficulties.

The home was registered with Ofsted in October 2020, and the manager registered in September 2025

At the time of this inspection, 2 children were living in the home, who spoke with the inspector to share their view and experience of the home.

Inspection dates: 21 and 22 January 2026

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people, taking into account	outstanding
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How well children and young people are helped and protected	outstanding
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The effectiveness of leaders and managers	outstanding
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The children's home provides highly effective services that consistently exceed the standards of good. The actions of the children's home contribute to significantly improved outcomes and positive experiences for children and young people who need help, protection and care.

Date of last inspection: 26 and 27 November 2024

Overall judgement at last inspection: outstanding

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
26/11/24	Full	outstanding
12/09/23	Full	outstanding
22/11/22	Full	outstanding
07/12/21	Full	outstanding

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: outstanding

Children receive a high level of care and support, which contributes significantly to the positive progress they make in their overall development and outcomes. They benefit from a stable and established staff team, who understand the importance of continuity of care and actively ensure that children have a meaningful voice in all aspects of their lives. This includes contributing to their individual care plans, risk assessments and decisions about how the home operates.

Children speak very positively about their experiences. One child said, 'This isn't a home, it is our home, and there is nothing I would want to change about it. Everyone really cares for one another and that is what makes this place so great.' Another child commented, 'It is the best place to be.'

Staff work effectively in partnership with other professionals, parents and carers. This ensures that all parties are kept informed through regular communication, promoting an inclusive approach that further supports children's care and development. One professional said, 'I think the child is thriving at the home. He often shares with me during my visits that he feels he has made positive progress in his life, which I agree with.'

All staff consistently recognise and promote the importance of education, both formal and informal. As a result, children are supported to access further education opportunities that align with their future aspirations and career goals.

Staff actively support children to maintain and strengthen important relationships with their families and other significant individuals, including providing support to travel long distances to spend time with family members. One parent described the welcome and support they receive as exceptional and said it has enabled them to feel fully included in their child's care.

Children's physical, emotional and mental health has significantly improved because of the consistent support, guidance and encouragement provided by staff. They ensure children attend regular health care appointments and access additional specialist health care support, where this is required.

The home is warm, welcoming and nurturing, with excellent standards of décor and maintenance. Photos displayed throughout the home reflect the children and the activities they have taken part in, further enhancing the homely environment.

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

Staff demonstrate an exceptionally strong understanding of safeguarding and consistently embed safe caring practices into every aspect of the home's operation. Risk assessments are highly detailed, robust and child focused, clearly identifying proactive strategies to reduce and manage risk. These are regularly reviewed and updated to reflect children's evolving needs, ensuring safeguarding practice remains dynamic and effective.

Children consistently report feeling safe, secure and emotionally supported. They are confident in the care and protection provided by staff and feel able to speak openly about any worries, knowing they will be listened to and supported appropriately. A social worker commented, 'The strategies and support staff provide have had a significant impact on reducing his individual risks and have also helped him to develop a strong understanding of how to keep himself safe.'

Research-informed practice is firmly embedded within the home's culture. Staff actively engage with current research and best practice guidance to continually enhance the quality of care. Information is shared with children in accessible and child-friendly ways, including through presentations and reflective discussions. As a result, children demonstrate an increased awareness of risk, which has directly contributed to a sustained reduction in missing-from-home incidents.

Children are consistently recognised and praised for their progress and positive behaviour. This strengths-based approach ensures that consequences are rarely required and, when used, are fair, proportionate and understood by children. Children's views are fully captured and respected, further reinforcing trust and positive relationships.

The staff team has remained stable since the last inspection, providing continuity of care and strong, trusting relationships for children. Robust safer recruitment and selection procedures are firmly established and would be implemented immediately should recruitment be required, ensuring children's safety always remains paramount.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: outstanding

The registered manager is highly qualified, experienced and effective. He has exceptionally high aspirations for the children and is a strong advocate, ensuring they receive outstanding care and access to opportunities that enable them to lead fulfilling and positive lives. He and the wider staff team consistently speak with warmth, pride and genuine affection about the children and celebrate their achievements.

Children receive high-quality care and support from a stable, committed and highly skilled staff team. This consistency enables children to develop strong, secure attachments and to feel valued, cared for and emotionally safe.

Staff are exceptionally well supported through regular, reflective supervision and strong leadership oversight. Team meetings are purposeful and child focused, with a clear emphasis on children's wellbeing, progress and outcomes. These meetings promote reflective practice and provide meaningful opportunities to share current research and best practice, further strengthening the quality of care delivered. Leaders, staff and children can clearly evidence the significant and positive impact the home has had on children's lives.

Training and professional development are prioritised and kept consistently up to date to ensure staff practice remains of a very high standard. Bespoke and specialist training is sourced and implemented in response to children's individual and emerging needs, further enhancing the quality of care and support they receive.

The manager ensures consistent monitoring and oversight of the home through both independent and internal monitoring systems. This allows any shortfalls to be quickly identified and addressed, supporting strong and effective leadership and maintaining high standards of care.

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: 2598004

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Strive to Care Limited

Responsible individual: Mohammed Yasser

Registered manager: Adil Mahmood

Inspector

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