

2599037

Registered provider: G&S caring for children and young people ltd

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is run by a private company.

It provides care for up to three children who may experience social and emotional difficulties.

The manager is registered with Ofsted.

At the time of the inspection, three children were living in the home.

Inspection dates: 3 and 4 February 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: 14 January 2025

Overall judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
14/01/2025	Full	Good
12/12/2023	Full	Outstanding
12/10/2022	Full	Outstanding
17/06/2021	Full	Good

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

The home is warm and welcoming. Any damage is repaired promptly and to a high standard, ensuring the environment remains safe and well maintained. Children make good use of the communal areas and spend meaningful time with staff, which has helped to build strong and trusting relationships. As a result, the atmosphere in the home is nurturing and supportive, helping children to feel valued, settled and secure.

The wishes and feelings of children are at the centre of life at this home. Staff use fresh ideas and creative approaches to keep children engaged and provide their ideas about their home. This helps children to feel listened to and supports their good relationships with staff.

Staff support children to have access to a range of activities in the home and the community. Staff support children to develop friendships away from the home and to make lasting friendships.

Children are supported to see the people who are important to them. Staff keep the children's parents informed about the progress their child is making. Overall, the views of parents are very positive about the care their children receive.

When a child moves into or leaves the home, transitions are carefully planned and take full account of the needs of the children already living there. The manager is committed to ensuring that children leave with positive memories of their time in the home. For example, two former residents have chosen to remain in contact with the staff and manager after moving on, reflecting the strong, nurturing and lasting relationships that have been built.

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

The manager and staff have had to manage some challenging incidents. Staff have remained committed, resilient and focused on all the children and used their skills and relationships with children to keep them safe.

A younger child has recently moved into the home, and their differing needs, linked to their age and stage of development, have been carefully considered. The manager has ensured that the child knows which staff are on duty each day by using photographs to support familiarity and reassurance. Prior to moving in, the child was also provided with a video introduction to the home to help them understand what to expect and to ease their transition.

Children do not make formal complaints because they feel confident in speaking openly with staff about any concerns they may have. However, they are aware of how to make a complaint should they ever feel unhappy or wish to use the formal process.

Staff understand the risks posed to children when they go missing from home. Staff act proactively to look for children and stay in contact with them. Staff escalate concerns to the police and the relevant local authority. The manager ensures that all external professionals are informed and kept up to date. Effective multi-agency working has helped to return children safely back to the home.

Safeguarding practice in the home is strong. Staff have a clear understanding of their safeguarding responsibilities, which helps to keep children safe. One child is known to be at increased risk of self-harm. On one occasion, a proactive approach to reducing risks was not taken. As a result, the child continued to be exposed to avoidable risk.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

Leaders and the manager have clear plans to further develop the service. They have a strong understanding of the home's strengths and the areas they wish to improve. There is clear evidence of learning from previous shortfalls, alongside a continued aspiration to provide high-quality help and support to children.

The manager has successfully created a culture of high aspiration for the care and support children receive. As a result, children are making good progress in their health, development and social skills.

There is an established and highly experienced staff team. Staff retention is very good, ensuring that children receive consistent care from familiar and trusted adults. Staff enjoy working in the home and speak positively about the manager and the children they care for. Morale within the team is high, contributing to a stable and supportive environment for children.

Communication with social workers and placing local authorities is good. One social worker was complimentary about the home, saying: 'The child has made massive progress.' This was attributed to the positive atmosphere created by the manager and staff.

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 staff— assess whether each child is at risk of harm, taking into account information in the child's relevant plans, and, if necessary, make arrangements to reduce the risk of any harm to the child; help each child to understand how to keep safe; have the skills to identify and act upon signs that a child is at risk of harm; understand the roles and responsibilities in relation to protecting children that are assigned to them by the registered person; take effective action whenever there is a serious concern about a child's welfare. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(a)(i)(ii)(iii)(v)(vi)) In particular, this relates to ensuring that documents clearly identify risks to children, that incidents are reviewed and action is taken to reduce risk.	1 May 2026

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: 2599037

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: G&S caring for children and young people ltd

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Registered manager: Bree Williams

Inspector

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