

2602813

Registered provider: Keir Lock Children's Homes Ltd

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

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

Two children were living at the home at the time of this inspection and both were spoken with.

The manager registered with Ofsted in August 2024.

Inspection dates: 8 and 9 September 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: 25 February 2025

Overall judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
25/02/2025	Full	Good
13/12/2023	Full	Good
24/08/2022	Full	Good
03/11/2021	Full	Good

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

Children say that they are happy at this home and that they get along well with the staff. They are supported to share their views and wishes about the care that they receive, and their thoughts and requests are discussed during staff team meetings. This means that staff provide children with prompt feedback to demonstrate how they have been listened to. Children say that they are treated fairly and feel safe.

Children are encouraged to attend school and achieve well. When children struggle to attend school, staff work with teachers and education professionals to introduce flexible timetables. This has helped children to gradually increase their confidence in the classroom environment.

Children's health needs are being met. Children are supported by staff to attend their health appointments and follow the medical advice of health professionals. This has led to some children achieving some positive health outcomes.

Children are encouraged to spend time with friends and family. Family members can identify the progress that their child has made from living at the home. They say that staff take the time to help their child.

One child has moved out of the home since the last inspection. This was a successful move; the child continues to thrive and has remained in contact with staff at the home.

The environment is warm and homely. It is clean and tidy, well furnished, and decorated to a good standard. The home has benefited from ongoing refurbishment and development. Photos on the walls show children interacting with each other and with staff, capturing moments of enjoyment and connection. Children's bedrooms are well decorated and have been personalised according to their tastes.

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

The manager carries out detailed risk assessments and behaviour support plans. These enable staff to understand each child's risks and vulnerabilities. Sometimes, children display behaviours that may be challenging for staff. The manager provides clear guidance in safety plans for staff to follow to keep children safe. As a result, significant incidents involving children are rare.

When children harm themselves, staff respond with care and compassion. When staff encounter behaviours they find challenging, they use therapeutic guidance to inform their approach. Staff seek to understand children's feelings and offer them alternative strategies to express their emotions.

Children live in a safe environment. The appropriate staffing ratio ensures that children receive the necessary supervision and support. Safeguarding practice is good. Staff have received safeguarding training, and they know how to identify and raise safeguarding concerns.

Staff follow the agreed safety plans when children go missing from the home. They look for the child in the local area and the places where they may go. Staff try to contact and engage with the child until the child is safely found and returned home by staff or others, including the police. When children return home, staff are welcoming and curious about the reasons why they went missing.

Staff help children to consider the likely consequences of their actions in the wider world. As a result, children are encouraged to develop socially acceptable behaviours and safe ways to express their emotions.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

Leaders and managers have taken action to address the requirement and recommendations that were raised at the last inspection. Regular internal audits help managers to maintain oversight of the home, monitor what is going on for children and staff, and take action to address any concerns.

Team meetings provide staff with support and guidance on how to help children achieve positive outcomes. These meetings provide staff with the time and opportunity to explore children's individual needs, progress, and the barriers to their progression.

Staff say that they enjoy working at the home and feel supported by their colleagues and managers. They say that the environment is homely and that children benefit from positive relationships and genuine care. Staff highlight that this helps the children to thrive.

Safer recruitment checks are in place. The registered manager has oversight of all checks so that they can determine that staff are suitable to work with children.

The manager has effective systems in place to monitor and review the quality of care that children receive. They have a good understanding of the areas in need of development in the home. As a result, they are aware of children's progress and celebrate their achievements.

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: 2602813

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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