

2612070

Registered provider: TimeOut Childrens Homes Limited

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is privately operated and provides care for up to 2 children. These children may experience social and emotional difficulties.

At the time of the inspection, 2 children were living at the home and were spoken with.

The manager registered with Ofsted in August 2025.

Inspection dates: 16 and 17 December 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: 5 November 2024

Overall judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
05/11/2024	Full	Good
12/09/2023	Full	Good
28/06/2022	Full	Outstanding
26/10/2021	Full	Outstanding

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

Children in the home are making clear progress, supported by the dedication and resilience of the staff team. Staff build strong, positive relationships with each child and adapt their communication to meet individual needs. They manage the challenges of caring for children across a wide age range effectively, ensuring consistent engagement. Children say that they like living in the home. They say it is fun, they like everyone and they feel safe.

Education is a key priority in the home. Staff actively promote school attendance and stress the importance of education to the children. There are clear plans in place to support future aspirations beyond secondary school and to facilitate transitions to educational settings that better meet individual needs.

Children feel listened to because they have a number of opportunities to express their views, including one-to-one discussions with staff. Records of these discussions capture the child's voice and show that their views, wishes and feelings are considered and responded to appropriately by staff.

Partnerships with families and professionals are strong. Both value the team's communication and regular updates on children's progress. Feedback highlights that children feel safe and comfortable and are increasingly confident in engaging with staff.

The home is well maintained and reflects the individuality of the children. Communal areas are personalised and adorned with festive decorations that are handmade by staff and children. Bedrooms are adapted to the children's individual needs, with ongoing support for new children arriving at the home to personalise their space.

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

Staff demonstrate a clear understanding of their safeguarding responsibilities. They maintain consistent routines and structures, with age-appropriate expectations aligned to each child's assessed needs. Care plans are reviewed and adapted as risks change, promoting safe, calculated risk-taking to support development.

Staff routinely engage children in discussions about personal safety, tailoring conversations to the child's level of understanding and using creative approaches to encourage participation. Where a child has been reluctant to engage, staff have persisted in supporting the child's understanding of how to keep themselves safe.

One child experienced multiple episodes of going missing from home. Staff adhered to agreed protocols, actively facilitated the child's return and provided consistent, supportive care. Although formal return home interviews were often declined, staff

gathered informal feedback to inform practice and continued efforts to reduce these incidents.

Allegations are rare but are managed promptly and effectively. There is clear manager oversight and collaboration with safeguarding professionals. Children's views are listened to and acted on appropriately.

Recruitment processes comply with safer recruitment standards. This ensures staff suitability and the safeguarding of children's welfare.

Risk assessments are generally detailed. However, a risk identified in one child's care plan before admission is not reflected in their risk assessment. Although the child has not presented with this risk since living in the home., clear guidance and response plans for staff should have been included from the onset to address this concern.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

The manager has created a safe, nurturing environment where children feel happy and cared for. While still developing in their role, the manager is supported by an experienced team familiar with the home and its responsibilities. The manager demonstrates passion and commitment to ensuring that children's voices are heard and that their views shape their daily lives.

Supervisions are purposeful, providing a safe space for open dialogue between supervisor and supervisee, with clear actions agreed. They are child-focused and address staff development needs. This enhances the quality of care and outcomes for children.

Team meetings are well attended and centre on children's needs and progress. Discussions are detailed, covering what is working well and areas for improvement. Staff contributions reflect their dedication and commitment to delivering high-quality care.

The manager maintains efficient oversight of training. Staff training is up to date and in line with the organisation's requirements. Specialist training is sourced to meet the specific needs of children, including neurodevelopmental challenges, crime awareness and self-harm. This equips staff with the knowledge to better understand and respond to each child's experiences and needs.

The manager does not consistently challenge placing authorities when professionals are not adequately meeting children's needs. This lack of escalation when care planning meetings, or responses from local authorities, are delayed indicates shortfalls in advocacy.

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

Statutory requirements

This section sets out the actions that the registered person 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 must comply within the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
In meeting the quality standards, the registered person must, and must ensure that staff— seek to involve each child's placing authority effectively in the child's care, in accordance with the child's relevant plans. If the registered person considers, or staff consider, a placing authority's or a relevant person's performance or response to be inadequate in relation to their role, challenge the placing authority or the relevant person to seek to ensure that each child's needs are met in accordance with the child's relevant plans. (Regulation 5 (a)(c))	22 March 2026

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that the risks to each child are continually and actively assessed and that there are arrangements in place to protect the child. The registered person should ensure that there are relevant risk assessments in place for risks identified in local authority care plans at the child's time of admission to the home. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 42, paragraph 9.5)

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: 2612070

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: TimeOut Childrens Homes Limited

Registered provider address: Unit 2, Ripponden Mill, Mill Fold, Ripponden, Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire HX6 4DH

Responsible individual: Chensena Dunn

Registered manager: Andrew Cole

Inspector

Deirdre Silkstone, Social Care Inspector

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