

2612810

Registered provider: Pure Care Homes Limited

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is operated by a private company. It provides care for up to 3 children who may experience social and/or emotional difficulties.

At the time of this inspection, 2 children were living at the home. Both children spoke to the inspector.

The manager registered with Ofsted in June 2023.

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: 24 July 2024

Overall judgement at last inspection: outstanding

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
24/07/2024	Full	Outstanding
24/05/2023	Full	Good
07/12/2022	Full	Good
09/03/2022	Full	Good

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

Children are effectively supported in line with their care plans, to move in and out of the home. Since the last inspection, two children have had well-co-ordinated planned moves out of the home, and one child has moved in. Children's needs are carefully considered as part of the referral process. Although one child moved into the home sooner than planned and without visiting beforehand, this was agreed to be in the best interests of the child. This meant that stability could be achieved for the child at the earliest opportunity.

Staff understand and support the child's health needs well. The manager and staff work closely with health professionals to ensure that the children have access to specialist services when needed. Children are supported effectively by the in-house therapist.

Management and staff place a strong emphasis on children's education. Children are encouraged and supported to regularly attend education. There is effective multi-agency working with education professionals to promote positive outcomes for children.

The manager and staff understand the importance of family time. Children are supported to maintain relationships that are important to them in a safe and planned way. Additionally, children benefit from access to a wide range of activities and opportunities, including holidays abroad.

The home is warm and welcoming, and children's bedrooms are highly personalised. The home also has a pet cat, which contributes to a homely atmosphere. The replacing of wooden beading in one child's bedroom was addressed during the inspection.

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

Children have developed positive relationships with staff and appear happy and relaxed in the home. One child has made significant progress while living at the home and has started to develop their independence skills with staff support.

The manager has positive working relationships with other professionals. She advocates effectively for children and appropriately challenges professionals to help achieve the best possible outcomes for children.

Staff manage the children's free time appropriately, including completing regular welfare checks. This helps to ensure that children are kept safe when spending time in the community. Missing-from-home incidents are rare. When these do occur, staff follow policies and procedures and actively search for the child.

Physical intervention is rarely used. When staff do use it, they apply it proportionately and only when necessary, and they record it well. The manager ensures that staff and

children have opportunities to reflect on incidents, which promotes learning and improved practice.

The manager and staff understand their safeguarding responsibilities. One child has unrestricted access to social media which raises potential safeguarding issues. While staff undertake work with the child to address their online safety, their views are not sufficiently captured.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

The manager holds the relevant qualification and is suitably experienced. She is supported by a committed and stable staff team. There is minimal use of staff from other homes within the organisation, which helps to provide consistency of care for children.

There is a range of experience within the staff team. Some staff are qualified and experienced in residential childcare. New members of staff complete an induction before being enrolled on the recognised childcare qualifications. Staff have access to relevant training to enable them to develop their skills to meet children's needs, including any emerging needs, effectively.

Staff respond appropriately to incidents, including seeking medical attention promptly when required.

Staff report that they feel well supported by the manager. Regular team meetings provide opportunities for discussion, reflection and shared learning. Staff receive regular supervision sessions, which help them to reflect on and develop their practice.

Safer recruitment practices are not consistently followed. In one case, gaps in the employment history for one member of staff were not fully explored.

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

Recommendations

- The registered person should ensure that when recruiting staff, when gaps in their employment histories are explored, this is clearly evidenced in the recruitment records. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 65, paragraph 15.5)
- The registered person should ensure that staff support children to be aware of and manage their own safety and to understand how to protect themselves online. The child's voice should be captured to understand the impact of this work ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards,' page 43, paragraph 9.9)

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: 2612810

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Inspector

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