

2613661

Registered provider: Young Foundations Limited

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

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

Two children were living at the home at the time of the inspection. The inspector spoke to both children.

The manager registered with Ofsted in November 2020.

Inspection dates: 30 and 31 July 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: 14 May 2024

Overall judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
14/05/2024	Full	Good
11/07/2023	Full	Good
15/11/2022	Full	Good
18/10/2021	Full	Good

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

The home is well maintained and offers a clean and tidy environment for children. The home is in a rural area that offers an abundance of outdoor space and views of the countryside. Each child has their own bedroom that is personalised to their individual taste. Children benefit from having their own pets, which they help to take care of. This helps children to feel a sense of belonging in their home and helps them to settle into their new environment.

Staff support children to build positive and trusting relationships. This helps children to talk openly to staff when they have worries. Children who have left the home have stayed in contact with staff, which demonstrates the importance of these relationships. One professional shared that a child who has moved on said, 'It is the first time I have felt cared for.'

Children are making good progress from their individual starting points. This is because of the consistent support staff provide to children. One child has returned to education following a large gap. Another child has improved their social interaction skills and is able to communicate more effectively with others. Professionals also said that they have seen evidence of the progress for children in a short period of time. Children are able to thrive and reach their full potential.

Staff work closely with children and multi-agency partners to support children when they move on from the home. Children learn the skills they need to care for themselves, and staff help to prepare them for their next stage in life. This helps children to feel supported by staff and in control of their next steps.

Children are presented with memory books and personalised items when they move on from the home. This includes photos and written memories for children. This helps children to feel important to those who have cared for them and provides important memories for them to look back on in the future.

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

Staff respond promptly when children go missing from the home. This includes making attempts to contact the child and important people in their lives. Staff will search for children and report them missing to relevant agencies. When children return home, they are supported by staff who prioritise their well-being and safety. Return home interviews are completed, and discussions take place with the children to help staff better understand children's risks and provide them with support.

When children become distressed, staff use their knowledge of the children to de-escalate situations. This means that children are not held. Staff respond quickly when there are concerns around a child's safety. Staff use effective strategies to support

children, including talking and distraction. Staff support the children with their emotional well-being, and additional measures are put in place to prevent further incidents.

Some children are vulnerable to substance misuse. Staff support children through educational work and general one-to-one discussions. This helps children to expand their understanding around the risks and impact. Where necessary, staff will seek out support from external agencies.

Staff have a good understanding of children's risks and needs, and risk assessments are reviewed on a regular basis. However, plans for children fall short in the detail, do not include all known risks and needs and are not personalised. This means staff do not have access to all the information they require to care for children effectively.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

The manager knows the children well and has good insight into their experiences. The manager has high aspirations for the children and is committed to achieving the best outcomes for children.

Staff speak highly of the manager, and they feel well supported through regular supervision. This provides the manager with oversight of the strengths and areas for development of staff practice. This helps staff to feel supported and appreciated.

Team meetings take place monthly. They provide opportunities for staff to discuss each child and any recent changes to their risks and needs. Staff are supported to share their views and opinions on the running of the home and care of the children. Information is shared with the team where necessary. The manager also uses team meetings for staff learning and development.

The manager and staff have developed positive working relationships with other professionals. This includes providing weekly updates with social workers, attending meetings about the children, and sharing safeguarding concerns. This helps to ensure that children benefit from a multi-agency approach to their care.

All staff have completed their required qualification. The manager also provides staff with access to training that is specific to the needs of children. This helps to ensure that staff have the skills and knowledge to provide effective care to children.

The manager uses monitoring tools to ensure an effective oversight of the home. This includes monthly file audits, a read and sign folder for staff and a matrix for staff support and development. This helps the manager to be assured that staff can meet the needs of children.

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 quality and purpose of care standard is that children receive care from staff who— understand the children's home's overall aims and the outcomes it seeks to achieve for children; use this understanding to deliver care that meets children's needs and supports them to fulfil their potential. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to— ensure that staff— provide personalised care that meets each child's needs, as recorded in the child's relevant plans, taking account of the child's background. (Regulation 6 (1)(a)(b) (2)(b)(iv))	17 September 2025

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: 2613661

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Young Foundations Limited

Registered provider address: Alexander House, Highfield Park, Llangwyfan,
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Responsible individual: David Roach

Registered manager: Gillian Mallaby

Inspector

Kerry Chater, Social Care Inspector

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