

2618541

Registered provider: Cambian Childcare Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is owned by a large national provider of children's homes. It provides care for up to two children who may experience social and emotional difficulties and/or with learning disabilities.

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

The registered manager has been in post since February 2021.

Inspection date: 13 February 2025

Date of last inspection: 11 June 2024

Judgement at last inspection: requires improvement to be good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Information about this inspection

At these inspections, the inspector evaluated:

- the care of children
- the safety of children
- the effectiveness of leaders and managers.

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children, using the social care common inspection framework. This assurance 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'.

Findings from the inspection

We did not identify any serious or widespread concerns in relation to the care or protection of children at this assurance visit.

Staff provide children with a caring, supportive and nurturing environment. Children enjoy good relationships with staff and benefit from well-tailored plans that promote their needs effectively. A child said, 'Staff are really nice and they are fair.' An independent reviewing officer said, '[Name of child] has lovely relationships with staff.'

Staff help children to spend time with their friends and families. As a result, children maintain their close and familiar relationships with the people who are most important to them.

Staff encourage the children's independence. However, one child does not have a pathway plan to promote their readiness for independence and adulthood.

Staff support each child's education and learning needs. They encourage children to attend school or home tuition regularly, and promote their progress and learning. A social worker said, 'Staff are great at promoting education and care.'

The safety of children is consistently at the centre of staff's practice. Children are kept safe living in the home and benefit from a home that is managed efficiently and effectively. A child said, 'I describe the home as calm and supportive.'

Most staff have attended face-to-face training on substance misuse and said that they found the training extremely useful and beneficial. However, not all staff have been able to attend this training to help them meet the specific needs of children.

Staff provide children with a physically safe, warm, cosy and homely living environment. Children's bedrooms are nicely decorated and personalised.

The manager has met and addressed the requirements and recommendation from the last inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
11/06/2024	Full	Requires improvement to be good
30/01/2024	Full	Requires improvement to be good
01/02/2023	Full	Good
12/01/2022	Full	Good

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

Recommendations

- The registered person should ensure that a pathway plan is obtained from the placing authority for eligible children. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 56, paragraph 11.2)
- The registered person should ensure that staff can access training on substance misuse. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 53, paragraph 10.11)

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2618541

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Cambian Childcare Limited

Registered provider address: Metropolitan House, 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar
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Responsible individual: Louise Winward

Registered manager: Charlotte Leece

Inspector

Anthony Kyem, Social Care Inspector

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