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Registered provider: Belmont Residential Care Ltd

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home provides care for up to 3 children with social and/or emotional difficulties.

This privately run home was registered with Ofsted on 6 April 2022.

At the time of the inspection, there were 2 children living in the home.

Inspection dates: 27 and 28 January 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: 10 September 2024

Overall judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
10/09/2024	Full	Good
14/09/2023	Full	Good
15/09/2022	Full	Requires improvement to be good

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

Children's day-to-day experiences are good. Staff encourage and motivate children to engage in discussions, activities and education. Staff obtain children's views through regular key-work sessions and house meetings and provide opportunities for children to participate in trips out in the community. Staff help children to develop healthy competition in the weekly games nights, which provide an opportunity for fun and laughter which some children enjoy.

Children make good progress in different areas. When children are not yet in formal education, staff and the registered manager are proactive, ensuring that children engage in positive activities and supporting some children to participate in regular tuition sessions. Staff support older children to consider their options in relation to further education; they attend appointments and challenge and advocate on children's behalf. Staff support children to develop independence and life skills, such as budgeting, and by helping to keep the home tidy.

Staff support children's physical health needs well and help children to understand their own health. They also help children to access services which support their emotional and mental wellbeing. Since the last inspection, lessons have been learned following a medication error. Robust systems are in place to ensure that staff adhere to medication procedures.

Staff create an environment which is warm and inviting, which helps children to form trusting and open relationships with the staff who care for them. Home-cooked meals are prepared by staff, as well as sometimes by children. Staff adapt to meet children's cultural needs, helping children to feel comfortable in the home.

Staff support children to keep in touch with the people who are important to them. Important events are celebrated for children, which make them feel valued. For example, staff talk to children about their wishes and feelings when planning their birthdays, and who they would like to celebrate with.

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

Staff understand the risks that children face. They mitigate risks in the home and in the community effectively, liaising with external professionals appropriately to ensure the wellbeing of children.

Staff know children well. They support children to manage their behaviour and respond appropriately when children become upset or distressed. Staff understand the things that may upset children and intervene effectively to prevent incidents from escalating. Staff ensure that children are listened to and their voices are heard through appropriate discussions and debriefs.

Staff follow the appropriate protocols when children are missing from home and keep the local authority and other professionals informed. The registered manager and staff request return home interviews when children return. They explore why children have left and seek to ensure their wellbeing. Staff update records when children go missing. However, the registered manager does not always have oversight of all of these records.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

Leaders and managers appropriately challenge professionals to ensure that children are supported, particularly ensuring that their educational needs are met. This helps children to make progress and have better outcomes.

The registered manager understands the progress that children make. They consider and address any gaps for children through regular audits and have good oversight of most records. Staff value team meetings, discussions and informal quizzes. The registered manager continually evaluates the quality of care and how to make improvements.

The staff team is stable and consistent. Staff are positive about the support that they receive and morale is good overall. Staff appreciate managers' guidance, which helps them in their work caring for children and ensuring their safety.

Regular staff supervision appropriately addresses practice needs and identifies clear actions. Leaders and managers ensure that adequate training is in place for staff. Training reflects the needs of the children in the home and helps staff to carry out their roles effectively.

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

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that the recording of incidents when children go missing from the home is clear and detailed and includes management oversight. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 46, paragraph 9.31)

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: 2633239

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered manager: Tajmul Hussain

Inspector

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