

2650948

Registered provider: Ubuntu Group Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This privately owned home is registered to provide care for up to three children with social and emotional difficulties.

The manager registered with Ofsted in November 2024.

Inspection date: 7 January 2025

Date of last inspection: 12 June 2024

Judgement at last inspection: requires improvement to be good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Information about this inspection

At this inspection, the inspector evaluated:

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

The inspector has 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 inspection.

Since the last inspection, two children have moved out of the home. The manager identified that they were no longer able to protect one of the children from increased risks in the local community. The child's move on from the home was managed sensitively, and staff supported them to settle into their new home. Staff also supported the other child in a planned and positive move on from the home.

One child has moved into the home since the last inspection. Staff have taken the time to get to know the child and understand their background. This has helped the child to settle and build positive relationships with staff. The child said, 'I absolutely love it here. Staff are really nice.'

Staff understand children's risks and talk to them about these. For example, staff have spoken to children about the dangers of vaping and substance misuse. This good support enables children to learn about risks and encourages them to make safer choices.

The manager and staff promote children's health and education. They work well with a range of health and education professionals to ensure that children get the right support in these areas.

There has been a change in manager since the last inspection. The manager is child-centred, committed and has high expectations of staff. There have been improvements to management oversight of the home and better systems implemented. These help the manager to review the quality of care in the home effectively and make positive changes when needed.

Staff have received training in key areas such as exploitation and how to manage missing-from-home incidents. This has helped staff to identify and act promptly when there have been significant risks for one child.

When children go missing from home, staff follow risk assessments and protocols and work closely with the local police to locate them. This helps to reduce the amount of time that children are away from the home.

The manager and staff are clear in their understanding of safeguarding procedures and follow these procedures when needed. The manager has completed upskilling sessions with staff, exploring what to do if faced with different safeguarding scenarios. This helps to develop staff confidence and provides assurances that staff understand their responsibilities in making sure that children are safeguarded effectively.

The requirements and recommendation made at the last inspection have been met.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
12/06/2024	Full	Requires improvement to be good
04/10/2023	Full	Good
10/05/2022	Full	Requires improvement to be good

Children's home details

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Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered manager: Kerry Poole

Inspector

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