

2685250

Registered provider: Pure Care Homes Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is owned and managed by a private company. The provider's statement of purpose states that staff provide care for up to three children with social and emotional difficulties. At the time of the inspection, there were two children living in the home.

The manager registered with Ofsted in November 2023.

Inspection date: 13 February 2025

Date of last inspection: 17 December 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.

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 visit.

One child has been supported to move to a semi-independent home. This move was well planned. Staff ensured that the child was equipped with the skills they will need to live independently. The child has remained in contact with the staff who they had built a positive relationship with.

Children talk positively about their relationship with staff, and are making progress from their individual starting points. Children receive support to reduce any behaviours that may pose a risk. Staff understand the needs of the children. They talk about children with warmth and take pride in each child's progress.

Staff ensure that children receive support with their emotional and mental health needs. Children have access to an in-house therapist to address their past experiences. The therapist provides additional support and guidance to the staff team. This is helping them to reflect on and understand children's needs and the potential reasons underpinning their behaviours.

Children say that they know how to make a complaint. They said that staff will listen to their views and act on any issues they want to raise. There have been no complaints.

The manager now ensures that safeguarding is discussed with staff in individual discussions, team meetings, refresher training and supervision. This ensures that staff have a clear understanding of their safeguarding responsibilities.

Children's individual risk assessments include details for staff to follow to keep children safe. Staff understand the children's vulnerabilities and risks, and the manager has good oversight of day-to-day care practices to ensure that staff follow the strategies set out in the plans to keep children safe.

There has been one incident of a child going missing from home. Staff ensured that they actively looked for the child and worked with other safeguarding agencies to ensure their safe return.

Staff are calm and caring in their approach. They use preventative behaviour management techniques and positive relationships to support children to manage their anxieties and frustrations. Children respond positively to this approach.

The manager is experienced and qualified, and is supported by a deputy manager. They understand children's individual needs, and are child centred, caring and supportive to the children and the staff team.

There is a small core group of staff in place. The manager is recruiting new staff for the team. In the interim, staff from another home in the company are working in this home. Leaders and the management team have made the decision to not move another child into the home until they have a full, permanent staff team in place.

The staff have access to a comprehensive training and induction programme. However, training that is specific to the needs of all children is not readily available. This means that staff do not have the necessary knowledge and skills to ensure that they are providing the appropriate strategies and support to meet the needs of the child.

Staff receive regular supervision and annual appraisals. Staff meetings take place regularly and provide staff with an opportunity to share their knowledge. Children's views are shared by the manager during these meetings. This means that children's views are shared with all members of the team.

Three recommendations raised at the last inspection have been met. However, one has been restated.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
17/12/2024	Full	Requires improvement to be good
08/08/2023	Full	Good
01/11/2022	Full	Good

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 leadership and management standard is that the registered person enables, inspires and leads a culture in relation to the children's home that— helps children aspire to fulfil their potential; and promotes their welfare. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to— lead and manage the home in a way that is consistent with the approach and ethos, and delivers the outcomes, set out in the home's statement of purpose; ensure that staff work as a team where appropriate; ensure that staff have the experience, qualifications and skills to meet the needs of each child; ensure that the home has sufficient staff to provide care for each child; ensure that the home's workforce provides continuity of care to each child. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(a)(b)(c)(d)(e)) In particular, the registered provider must ensure that there is a consistent staff team in place to provide a continuity of care for the children. In particular, the registered provider must ensure that staff have received training on understanding harmful sexual behaviour, so they have the required knowledge and understanding to meet the needs of the children.	14 April 2025

Children's home details

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Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Inspector

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