

2691074

Registered provider: Acorn Homes (UK) Ltd

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home's statement of purpose states that this home can care for up to three children who have emotional and behavioural needs. There were no children living at the home at the time of the inspection.

The home was registered on 21 February 2023. The manager has been registered with Ofsted since the home was registered.

Inspection date: 10 May 2023

Date of last inspection: not applicable

Judgement at last inspection: not applicable

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Information about this inspection

At this inspection, the inspectors 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 inspection.

The care of children

One child has moved into the home since the home was registered. This was in April 2023 and was for one night. There were no records available in the home to sample. The provider is undertaking their own investigation regarding the circumstances around the decisions made in relation to this placement.

The safety of children

Several improvements have been made to the premises since the registration visit. However, some of the windows on the first floor did not have window restrictors and could be opened wide. A requirement is made to address this.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers

The registered manager is currently working as a deputy manager in another home run by the same organisation. She has recruited two staff who are working with her in her current team. A deputy manager is being recruited. Recruitment checks are underway, and the plan is for them to work with the registered manager and other team members to develop as a team.

The registered manager is realistic about the need to recruit a full team before the home is ready to admit a child. She is preparing plans that include team and cultural development.

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 protection of children standard is that children are protected from harm and enabled to keep themselves safe. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that the premises used for the purposes of the home are designed, furnished and maintained so as to protect each child from avoidable hazards to the child's health. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(d)) In particular, ensure that windows have restrictors and are secured and maintained to ensure the safety of children who live in the home.	9 July 2023

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2691074

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Acorn Homes (UK) Ltd

Registered provider address: Unit 73 and 74, Maple Leaf Business Park,
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Responsible individual: Keith Riley

Registered manager: Charlotte Gallup

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