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Registered provider: Woodleigh Healthcare Children Services Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is privately owned and provides care for up to two children with learning disabilities. At the time of the inspection, one child was living at the home.

The home is overseen by an experienced and registered manager.

Inspection date: 26 March 2024

Date of last inspection: 27 June 2023

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.

Staff and the child have developed a good relationship. The child enjoys spending time with staff and is happy and confident in their company. The child frequently likes to put items in his mouth. Consequently, staff have been creative and developed edible messy play options as a safe alternative. Staff also ensure that the garden has edible herbs and flowers. This gives the child freedom to play and explore the garden safely.

Staff advocate for the child. Although the child is not in school, staff are working with external professionals to increase his educational activities. The home has strong partnerships with the child's family and other professionals involved in his care. The child's family enjoy visiting him at home and are made to feel welcome by the staff.

The manager appropriately notifies Ofsted and others of significant events for children. One significant event resulted in the child needing regular hospital appointments. Initially, the child found the appointments very distressing. Staff supported the child to understand the need for medical attention. This resulted in the child becoming more relaxed and actively allowing medical staff to treat him.

Staff support the child to develop his methods of communication. The child is now able to make basic everyday choices. Staff have a good understanding of the child's communication through his behaviour. When new behaviour is seen, they are professionally curious and spend time to determine what the child may be trying to communicate.

The manager is committed and determined to enhance the experiences of children in her care. She has clear processes in place to ensure that her oversight of the home is consistently good. The care practice of staff is supported through supervision sessions and team meetings. Staff feel that they work collectively as a team and that the manager supports this.

At the last inspection, three requirements and one recommendation were set. These were found to be met at this inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
27/06/2023	Full	Requires improvement to be good

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2692118

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Woodleigh Healthcare Children Services Limited

Registered provider address: 23 Woodleigh Close, Leicester LE5 2HW

Responsible individual: Paul White

Registered manager: Aleyah Butt

Inspector

Ellen Monk, Social Care Inspector

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