

2692837

Registered provider: Kedleston (Wood Grove Childcare) Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is owned by a large private provider. It is registered to care for up to five children who may have special educational needs and are likely to have social and emotional difficulties because they have experienced early childhood trauma. Five children are currently being cared for in this home.

The home was registered in October 2022. The manager has been registered with Ofsted since July 2024 and is suitably qualified.

Inspection date: 6 January 2025

Date of last inspection: 30 July 2024

Judgement at last inspection: 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 identified a serious concern in relation to the care or protection of children at this assurance inspection.

The inspector was aware during this inspection that a serious incident that occurred at the setting since the last inspection is under investigation by the appropriate authorities. While Ofsted does not have the power to investigate incidents of this kind, actions undertaken by the setting in response to the incident were considered alongside the evidence available at the time of the inspection to inform the inspector's judgment.

One child has experienced harm due to the absence of effective safeguarding arrangements and professional curiosity within the home. On one occasion, staff did not respond appropriately when poor safeguarding practice was observed. This was a missed opportunity to reduce the risk of harm to a child. As a result, leaders, managers and staff have missed opportunities to safeguard children.

Leaders and managers have not responded effectively when staff identified safeguarding concerns about a member of staff. They failed to explore the concerns with external professionals such as the local authority designated officer and children's social workers. In addition, leaders and managers did not take the appropriate action to fully investigate the concerns. However, subsequent concerns have been fully explored and effective action has been taken by the registered manager.

Five children were living at the home at the time of the inspection. The children are cared for by an experienced and consistent staff team. They have positive relationships with the staff and can identify staff who they can share any worries or concerns they may have. Children spoken to as part of the inspection said they are happy living in the home and like the managers and staff.

Since the last inspection, the manager has registered with Ofsted. They have the experience and skills to manage the home and are passionate about the care provided to children. Staff spoke positively about leaders and managers and the support they provide.

The home is warm and welcoming, and soft furnishings and photos of the children help to create a homely environment. Children's bedrooms are personalised to their likes and interests. For one child, staff have collected their personal belongings from a previous carer to help the child settle and feel at home. This enables children to develop a sense of belonging and to feel comfortable in their surroundings.

Children have made progress with their education since the last inspection. Four of the children living at the home take part in some form of formal education. The children who are unable to attend school are provided with a tutor who visits the

home. For one child who is not receiving any education, the registered manager is advocating for the right educational provision. Furthermore, staff provide children with educational activities, such as visiting museums and places of historical interest. As a result, children have positive educational experiences.

Children are given opportunities to share their views. Children spoken to during the inspection felt listened to by the registered manager and the staff. One child said, 'Staff get stuff done.' This means that children are seeing the results of their views being heard.

Although incidents of children going missing are rare, each child has their own individual risk management plans. When children do go missing from home, staff follow the children's plans. This includes staff searching for the child and liaising with professionals and family. Children are spoken to on their return home, and plans are updated to reduce the risk of children going missing.

On occasion, physical intervention has been deemed necessary. Physical intervention techniques are applied with proportionality and only used to ensure children's safety and well-being. Records of incidents are detailed, with the registered manager's oversight.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
30/07/2024	Full	Good
08/08/2023	Full	Good
17/05/2023	Full	Inadequate

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 staff— assess whether each child is at risk of harm, taking into account information in the child's relevant plans, and, if necessary, make arrangements to reduce the risk of any harm to the child; have the skills to identify and act upon signs that a child is at risk of harm; understand the roles and responsibilities in relation to protecting children that are assigned to them by the registered person. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(a)(i)(iii)(v))	10 February 2025
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— understand the impact that the quality of care provided in the home is having on the progress and experiences of each child and use this understanding to inform the development of the quality use monitoring and review systems to make continuous improvements in the quality of care provided in the home. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(f))	10 February 2025

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2692837

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Kedleston (Wood Grove Childcare) Limited

Registered provider address: Unit 8, Brook Business Centre, Cowley Mill Road, Cowley, Uxbridge UB8 2FX

Responsible individual: Post vacant

Registered manager: Shannan McGaw

Inspector

Lydia Isaac, Social Care Inspector

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