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Registered provider: Abbey Green Therapeutic Children's Services Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is run by an independent provider. It provides care for up to three children who may have social and emotional difficulties.

At the time of the inspection, one child was living in the home, and they spoke with the inspector.

The home is led by a registered manager.

Inspection date: 7 January 2025

Date of last inspection: 11 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.

The child and staff have good relationships that have been built on over time. When new members of staff have started working in the home, this has unsettled the child. The manager responded quickly to this and ensured that time was taken to develop and then strengthen these new relationships. This allowed the child to feel comfortable with all the staff working in the home. The child is very complimentary about staff, particularly the manager.

The child has made significant progress since the last inspection. They are attending school on a full-time basis along with undertaking work experience one day a week. The child has opportunities to make new friends now that they go to school every day. They also attend some local clubs, where they socialise with other children and develop friendships through a shared interest.

With the support of staff, family and other professionals, the child has strengthened their emotional resilience. This progress has been achieved through planned individual sessions focused on specific topics, as well as ad hoc conversations. As a result of this consistent and targeted focus, the child has gradually developed strategies to keep themselves safe.

The child has been focusing on developing their independent living skills with the support of staff. The child plans their meals and then goes shopping for the ingredients needed, while being mindful of the budget that they have been set. The child prepares and cooks the meal themselves.

The manager is a strong advocate for the child and recognises what can cause the child to continually worry. When an issue arises, the manager takes the time to explore the issue with the child. They then seek out the most appropriate way to resolve the issue while considering the needs of the child. The manager then provides the child with an update to alleviate their worries.

The manager has taken the time to develop a new medication system in the home. There have been some changes to the original system, as it did not track medication effectively. This shows that the manager is open to improving systems when they do not provide her with the assurance that she needs.

There is a new audit process that the manager completes each month. This provides her with the required oversight of the home and ensures that staff are completing the work as expected. As this process is new, the manager advised that she continues to reflect on it as she wishes to ensure that the audits are robust and purposeful.

The manager has worked hard to ensure that staff receive individual supervision on a regular basis and have developmental appraisals. The manager is committed to the continued development of staff. She has planned various training opportunities for staff over the forthcoming year to broaden their knowledge and increase their skills.

At this assurance visit, the requirements made at the last inspection were reviewed. All requirements have been met. The remaining recommendation will be reviewed at the next inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
11/06/2024	Full	Requires improvement to be good
02/05/2023	Full	Requires improvement to be good

What does the children's home need to do to improve?

Recommendations

- The registered person should ensure that staff help the child to prepare for any moves from the home, whether they are returning home, moving to another placement or moving into adult care. This includes supporting the child to develop the emotional and mental resilience to cope without the home's support ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 17, paragraph 3.27)

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2700720

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Abbey Green Therapeutic Children's Services Limited

Registered provider address: Suite 3, Mercia Court, Bingham, Nottingham NG13 8QX

Responsible individual: Michael Stanway

Registered manager: Chantelle Bryan

Inspector

Lizette Watts, Social Care Inspector

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