

2710734

Registered provider: Abundantia Care Limited

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is operated by a private provider. It offers care for up to 2 children who may experience social and emotional difficulties.

At the time of this inspection, 2 children were living at the home.

The home and manager registered with Ofsted in May 2023.

Inspection dates: 6 and 7 January 2026

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people, taking into account	good
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How well children and young people are helped and protected	good
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The effectiveness of leaders and managers	good
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The children's home provides effective services that meet the requirements for good.

Date of last inspection: 14 August 2024

Overall judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
14/08/2024	Full	Good
05/03/2024	Full	Good

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

The inspector spoke with one child during the inspection.

Children living in the home are making good progress and are supported to do so by staff. Children have positive relationships with staff, and one child reported that staff care for her well and help her to access activities. This view is shared by professionals, with one professional stating that staff are nurturing and have built positive working relationships with the children they support.

Staff prioritise children's education and encourage them to attend school and positively engage in their learning. Staff have good relationships with one education provision whereby there is daily communication to ensure that a child is supported to attend. Incentives are offered by staff in the home for engaging with education, and children are also supported well with online learning.

Children are encouraged and supported to prepare for their independence. Key-work sessions are carried out around managing daily chores and safe independence in the community. Children preparing for independence are encouraged to cook meals and carry out their own domestic tasks, in addition to being helped to manage their money.

Impact assessments are detailed, and risks are considered when placing children alongside other children. When children move on, they are offered ongoing communication with staff, with one child regularly staying in touch. Staff have also been able to reflect on lessons learned and areas for development when children have moved on suddenly.

Children are encouraged to participate in regular key-work sessions with staff around subjects specific to their risks and needs. Staff are open to having difficult conversations sensitively with children and use a restorative approach of challenge and support. One child has approached staff regularly, demonstrating a positive and open culture around support and personal issues.

How well children and young people are helped and protected: good

Children have thorough and detailed risk assessments in place that reflect their individual risks and needs. Risk assessments are regularly reviewed and updated with changing circumstances. Staff are expected to read these regularly to ensure that they have the most up-to-date information to understand and reduce risks for children.

When children go missing from care, they are well supported by staff who understand the protocol. There are up-to-date plans and missing-from-care processes in place that reflect children's needs and level of risk. Staff actively encourage communication from children when they are away from the home and follow them when they are concerned

about their welfare. Staff search for children when they are missing and share the information with the appropriate professionals. Children are offered reassurance and debriefs when they return to the home, and staff advocate for independent return home interviews.

Children have detailed behaviour support plans in place. Staff update these documents regularly and detail how children might present and how staff should respond accordingly. The model of care used by staff in the home is apparent in the response to incidents where they utilise de-escalation techniques to support children.

Physical interventions have been used by staff who are appropriately trained, and children are offered debriefs to express their views and feelings afterwards. Physical interventions are not always separately recorded and are sometimes grouped together as part of the same incident. This does not allow for appropriate monitoring of the use of physical interventions by the registered manager.

Children know how to raise complaints and are offered the opportunity to discuss them with staff. The management team treats complaints from children seriously and explores them as a priority. There is a lack of written response for children to demonstrate a record of how the complaint was managed. For one child, they did not receive a response to a complaint made despite a thorough investigation. This does not provide restorative resolution for children.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

The staff team describes the registered manager as 'supportive' and 'approachable'. The registered manager is reflective and able to celebrate positive progress made by children and staff but also drives actions forward from lessons learned. There is a strong management presence and oversight in the home, and professionals highlight positive working relationships with the registered manager.

Staff receive regular reflective supervision and are well supported with the challenges of their job role. Supervision time is protected and promoted for staff, and there is a culture of reflection and learning. The quality of supervision is consistent for all staff.

Staff have a supportive and structured induction period and an ongoing comprehensive training programme. All core staff have the relevant skills and training to be able to fulfil their job roles and are provided with the support to do so.

Staff have access to effective information-sharing and support through regular team meetings. Reflective discussions take place about children, as well as staff sharing their own experiences and challenges. Team meetings are prioritised and well attended by staff.

The manager has appropriate monitoring systems in place to ensure that children have what they need for their care and support. Monitoring is overseen by multiple people to ensure layers of accountability.

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

Statutory requirement

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 registered person must prepare and implement a policy ("the behaviour management policy") which sets out— how appropriate behaviour is to be promoted in the children's home; and the measures of control, discipline and restraint which may be used in relation to children in the home. The registered person must ensure that— within 24 hours of the use of a measure of control, discipline or restraint in relation to a child in the home, a record is made which includes— the name of the child; details of the child's behaviour leading to the use of the measure; the date, time and location of the use of the measure; a description of the measure and its duration; details of any methods used or steps taken to avoid the need to use the measure; the name of the person who used the measure ("the user"), and of any other person present when the measure was used; the effectiveness and any consequences of the use of the measure; and a description of any injury to the child or any other person, and any medical treatment administered, as a result of the measure. (Regulation 35 (1)(a)(b) (2)(a)(i)(ii)(iii)(iv)(v)(vi)(vii)(vii))	8 March 2026

In particular, the registered person should ensure that incidents involving multiple restraints are recorded separately with the correct information.	
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Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that children are able to take up issues or make a complaint with support and are provided with a response. Children must be aware of this procedure and be reminded of it as necessary. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 22, paragraph 4.13)

Information about this inspection

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people, using the social care common inspection framework. This 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'.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2710734

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered manager: Chelsea Simpson

Inspector

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