

2724946

Registered provider: Good Foundations Limited

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is owned and managed by a private organisation. It provides care for up to 4 children who may experience social and emotional difficulties.

At the time of inspection there were 4 children living in the home.

The manager registered with Ofsted in June 2023.

Inspection dates: 24 and 25 February 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: 5 March 2025

Overall judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
05/03/2025	Full	Good
20/02/2024	Full	Good

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

Children living in the home are provided with individualised care. Staff have positive relationships with children and know them well. For example, children's plans include detailed personalised routines, such as children liking a hot water bottle before bed or children wanting to be woken up with gentle light in the morning. Staff follow these routines to let children know that they care about them.

All children living in the home are accessing education and making progress. Professionals from children's schools speak positively on the staff team and their support for children's learning. They shared examples of staff enthusiastically taking notes at children's parent's evenings to share with children and regularly attending school community events.

Staff support children to have their health needs met. Children have detailed health care plans are kept up to date and regularly reviewed. Staff ensure that children have access to external support services when needed. One child's social worker said that staff were proactive and good advocates for the child to ensure that they had access to mental health support services.

Staff ensure that children have regular opportunities to take part in fun activities. Children speak positively about their time with staff taking part in activities such as trips out to play golf or time in the home making pancakes. This helps children to create positive memories.

Staff support children's time with their families and work hard to build positive relationships with them. Children's families say that staff include them in their child's care and keep them regularly updated. One parent said that they, 'couldn't ask for a better placement' and discussed how staff help them to enjoy quality time with their child.

Since the last inspection, one older child has moved on from the home, and one child has moved in. There was some delay in the older child moving on from the home. However, the delays were made in the best interests of the child. Staff supported a positive transition for the child who was encouraged to visit their new home and met the staff team. When children move into the home, staff take the time to get to know them. For example, one member of staff spent time with the child decorating their bedroom and another took them on fun activities.

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

Staff have a calm and consistent approach to managing behaviour. Safeguarding concerns are regularly discussed in team meetings and supervisions. This provides staff

with the opportunity to reflect on their responses to children and work together to develop their practice.

When children have been missing from the home, staff search for them and contact family and friends to try and locate them. Since the last inspection, there has been a reduction of incidents of children going missing from the home.

Staff provide clear boundaries and expectations for children. They promote positive behaviour through incentives and regularly conversations with children around their behaviour. This ensures that children can share their views and for staff to provide advice and support.

There are clear plans in place to help staff respond to risks for children. The plans are regularly reviewed and updated to ensure that they are reflective of children's known risks and the strategies in place to support them. However, children's incident records do not always accurately detail all action taken by staff to de-escalate incidents.

Allegations are managed well. Leaders and managers communicate with all relevant agencies to ensure there is independent scrutiny of practice.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

There is a qualified and suitably experienced manager in post, who leads by example. The manager is child-focussed and has a good understanding of the children's experiences and their support needs.

The staff team is stable and experienced. This ensures consistency of care to the children. The manager is passionate about supporting the development of the staff team. He provides meaningful learning exercises to ensure continuous professional development.

Staff speak positively of their roles and the support they receive from leaders and managers. Staff describe the manager as supportive and one member of staff said that they know that they 'can go to him with anything'. Staff regularly receive good quality supervision. This provides opportunity for them to reflect on the needs of the children, as well as their own development.

The manager is well-organised and ensures there is oversight across children's records. There are effective systems and processes in place to monitor and review the care of the children and the quality of staff practice. However, at times there is a lack of evaluation in the oversight of the consequences that are implemented for children. This does not ensure the effectiveness of consequences or support learning from practice.

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 registered person must maintain records ("case records") for each child which— include the information and documents listed in Schedule 3 in relation to each child; are kept up to date. (Regulation 36 (1)(a)(b)) In particular, the registered person must ensure that children's records accurately detail all actions taken by staff during incidents for children. This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.	24 April 2026

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure there is good quality management oversight to monitor the effectiveness of consequences given to children ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 46, paragraph 9.36)

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: 2724946

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Good Foundations Limited

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Registered manager: Adam Ruse

Inspector

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