

2735148

Registered provider: Advanced Adolescent Care Solutions 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 provider. It provides care for one child who may experience social and emotional difficulties and who may have learning disabilities. One child was living in the home at the time of this inspection.

The manager registered with Ofsted in August 2023. The manager is dual registered as the registered manager of another children's home with the same provider.

Inspection dates: 17 and 18 March 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: 25 February 2025

Overall judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
25/02/2025	Full	Good
19/11/2024	Full	Inadequate
19/03/2024	Full	Good

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

Two children have lived at the home during this inspection period. Both children have made progress from their individual starting points throughout their time at the home.

One child moved out after living in the home for almost 2 years. The child moved out because the provider believed they could no longer manage the child's emerging vulnerabilities. The provider ensured that the child's local authority developed a clear plan, and the provider supported the child's transition out of the home. The child returned to their home local authority.

Leaders ensured that a suitable assessment of need took place before the new child moved in. The child's vulnerabilities were thoroughly explored so that leaders could be assured that staff had the skills to meet the child's needs. The child has settled into the home well and has built positive relationships with staff. A family member said that the child is 'a lot more settled' and that the child's 'behaviour is better, and they are calmer' since moving into the home.

The child has encountered several barriers to accessing appropriate, full-time education. The child currently has a bespoke education timetable. Staff support attendance with both on-site and at-home elements of the timetable. The manager has worked with other professionals involved in the child's care and has advocated for a more appropriate provision for the child. During the inspection, an additional and more appropriate provision was allocated to the child.

Both children have been engaged in the world around them, based on their own interests. This includes swimming, horse riding and spending time with family, resulting in one child being able to safely see their family more often due to being settled and supported by staff.

Some parts of the home require attention, such as a tap in the upstairs bathroom and the cleanliness of some rooms upstairs. These issues were addressed immediately when brought to the attention of managers. However, these issues should be addressed more promptly. Despite these small issues, the home felt like the child's home.

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

Staff work hard to develop their understanding and skills to align to the child's needs and experiences. Staff have good knowledge of how to support the child during an incident. Staff are reflective, which allows them to do more of what works well. This has resulted in a reduction of some of the child's behaviours that indicate distress.

When physical intervention is used, records indicate that this is necessary and proportionate to keep everyone safe. Conversations with staff and the child take place

afterwards to consider learning from the incident. The child engages in these conversations intermittently.

There are clear routines in place to support the child. These are enhanced by visual aids in prominent places in the home to ensure that the child is clear about expectations. Incentives are used to promote positive behaviour, and the child is involved with and receptive to this.

Written documents outlining vulnerabilities are detailed and updated appropriately, and outline clear strategies for staff to use. Specific vulnerabilities are discussed in multi-agency forums and are recorded clearly to ensure the child remains safe.

The child's social worker is confident that staff keep the child safe and that the child is happy living in the home. The child said they are happy, and they were observed to have warm relationships with staff.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

The home is managed by an experienced and permanent manager. She works proactively with other agencies involved in the child's care. Leaders ensured that staff had additional, child-specific training before the child moved in.

Staff are resilient, even through challenging situations. Only one new member of staff has been recruited, although there have been several staffing changes across the provider's homes. The manager is aware of the potential impact on the child and has arranged a multi-agency meeting to ensure that decisions around the rota remain child focused.

Staff receive regular supervision and an annual appraisal. Supervisions are generally child focused, and when practice issues are raised, they are addressed in a timely way.

There have been several allegations made against staff. Most of these allegations are managed well, with thorough investigations and clear outcomes that align to the findings and support children being safeguarded. However, there have been occasions where the provider's own disciplinary policy has not been followed. On these occasions, continued patterns of poor practice have not been identified, and have therefore not been addressed as a repeated pattern of concern.

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 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— demonstrate that practice in the home is informed and improved by taking into account and acting on— feedback on the experiences of children, including complaints received; and use monitoring and review systems to make continuous improvements in the quality of care provided in the home. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(g)(ii)(h)) In particular, that the manager has an effective system to ensure action is taken when repeated practice issues are raised through allegations or complaints.	27 April 2026

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that the home looks welcoming and that all areas receive regular cleaning. Wear and tear and repairs in the home should be addressed in a timely way. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 15, paragraph 3.7)

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: 2735148

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered provider address: 38 Sherwood Road, Worksop S80 1QW

Responsible individual: Steven Ince

Registered manager: Amy Harwood

Inspector

Joanna Beal, Social Care Inspector

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