

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.

The manager registered with Ofsted in August 2023.

Inspection date: 25 February 2025

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: 19 November 2024

Overall judgement at last inspection: inadequate

Enforcement action since last inspection: A notice to restrict children being admitted to the home was issued on 19 November 2024 and will end on 28 February 2025.

Recent inspection history

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

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

At the time of this inspection one child was living in the home. They are happy, settled and continue to make progress. The child responds to the structure and clear boundaries, and to the high expectations staff set for them. They enjoy secure and trusting relationships with staff, who provide them with consistent and nurturing care.

The child is making progress in their education. The manager and staff understand the barriers to the child's education, and they advocate for them to ensure that they are receiving the right support in school. Staff are aspirational for the child, and they celebrate the child's achievements.

Staff support the child to enjoy a healthy lifestyle. The child is reported to be in good physical health, and they are accessing external support services to help them with their emotional and mental health needs.

The child is provided with a wide range of activities in line with their hobbies and interests. The child has a love of animals, they care for pet guinea pigs and hamsters at home, and they have a horse on loan at a local stable. The child recently made it to the final of a gymnastics competition with the club that they attend. They enjoy singing, swimming, and spending time with friends.

Staff respond to the child's wishes and feelings about the time spent with family and friends. Staff support the child to write letters to some family members and they supported them to rebuild their relationship with a carer who the child lived with previously. Staff help the child to understand positive relationships; friendships are promoted, and friends are welcomed into the home.

The child is provided with lots of opportunities to develop skills to support their independence. This includes unsupervised time in the community, travel, and managing their own self-care and routines. This has helped the child to build confidence and resilience.

The child is consulted with regularly about the home and about the care that they receive. Records show that the manager and staff respond to the child's wishes and feelings. The child's experiences of living at the home are captured in personalised memory books.

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

The child rarely shows unwanted or risky behaviours. When the child experiences difficult emotions, staff use their relationships with the child to talk about how they

are feeling. There have not been any incidents where the child has been held and consequences to behaviour are not used.

Risk assessments identify all known risks to the child, they are detailed and kept under review by the manager. Staff understand the child's risks and vulnerabilities, and they are clear about the steps to take to mitigate some of those risks.

The child's online safety is well managed. Staff ensure that there are safeguards to monitor the child's devices, and they talk to the child about the risks.

The child does not go missing. There is a detailed plan that provides staff with clear guidance, should this happen. Staff are clear about their responsibilities and actions to take if the child goes missing.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

Leaders and managers have ensured that there is a full and independent investigation into the shortfalls identified at the last inspection. They have followed formal safeguarding processes and taken appropriate steps where there were concerns about staff conduct. Furthermore, they have improved the systems in place for the safe recruitment of staff and managing allegations.

There has been a change to the senior leadership arrangements for this home since the last inspection. The manager is experienced and has good oversight. She has high aspirations for the child, and she is committed to ensuring that staff are equipped to provide the child with a high standard of care.

Staff receive supervision that is supportive and enables reflective practice. Staff are happy and they feel supported. Team meetings happen regularly, and they are well attended. They provide staff with training opportunities and activities to refresh safeguarding knowledge.

Staff receive a good range of training. This includes training in areas specific to the child's needs. Records show that training is kept up to date and under review for all staff.

The manager and staff are held in high regard by other professionals. The manager has built strong relationships with other professionals and there is evidence of partnership working. The manager is a strong advocate for the child. She confidently challenges others to ensure that the child's needs are being met. One professional said, 'A strength of the home is good communication and information sharing, this helps us to ensure that [Name of child] is receiving the right support.'

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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