

2735196

Registered provider: Esland North Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is run by a private provider. It offers care for up to one child who may experience social and emotional difficulties.

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

The manager registered with Ofsted in May 2025.

Inspection date: 3 July 2025

Date of last inspection: 8 May 2025

Judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: not applicable

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.

This assurance inspection was carried out to address specific concerns or allegations received by Ofsted.

The child continues to make good progress and says that they feel safe and happy in the home. Their positive relationships with the staff and manager have enabled them to achieve this. Staff are child centred and provide love, support and affection to the child. Staff understand the child's needs and provide them with nurturing and warm care.

Staff remain committed in supporting the child to see their family in their hometown. The child's wishes and feelings are central to these arrangements, with staff adapting plans to best meet the needs of the child.

Staff continue to support the child to understand their emotions. They recognise the specific reasons behind the child's behaviours and adapt routines and practice, which has resulted in a reduction in safeguarding incidents.

When safeguarding incidents occur, they are managed well by staff. Risk assessments provide staff with a detailed plan on how best to respond to each presenting concern. Practice is consistently reviewed, with plans updated when required to ensure that staff know how to keep the child safe.

Professionals speak highly of the care provided to the child. They say that the child is more confident and happier since moving to the home.

The manager remains committed to the child and staff, and is an aspirational and motivated leader. The manager actively assists staff, demonstrating expectations and offering additional support when necessary.

Supervision sessions are effective. They focus on staff development and include practice reflection. They provide staff with the opportunity to improve their practice so they can achieve the best care, support and outcomes for all children who live in the home.

Leaders and managers take all allegations and complaints seriously, accessing the appropriate advice and guidance. All records are detailed and accurate. When areas of learning in staff practice are identified, they are addressed to prevent reoccurrence. This protects staff and children alike.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
08/05/2025	Full	Good
17/06/2024	Full	Good
06/02/2024	Full	Requires improvement to be good

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

Recommendations

- The registered person should ensure that when a child makes a complaint or an allegation they are updated on the outcome. This ensures that children can see the results of their views being listened to and acted on. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 22, paragraph 4.11)
- The registered person should work with each child's placing authority to ensure that all transitions are planned, and should be able to evidence this partnership-working in children's records. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 57, paragraph 11.9)

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2735196

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Responsible individual:

Registered manager: Megan Stanton

Inspector

Deirdre Silkstone, Social Care Inspector

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