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Registered provider: Young Foundations Limited

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is operated by a private company. It provides care for up to 7 children with learning disabilities.

At the time of this inspection, 5 children were living at the home, and all 5 were spoken with.

The manager registered with Ofsted in February 2026.

Inspection dates: 19 and 20 May 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: 19 June 2024

Overall judgement at last inspection: requires improvement to be good

Enforcement action since last inspection:

This home was judged as 'requires improvement to be good' at the full inspection on 19 June 2024. Following the child moving on from the home, a three-month condition was imposed on 16 January 2025. Until February 2026 there were no children living in this home.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
19/06/2024	Full	Requires improvement to be good
12/03/2024	Full	Requires improvement to be good

Summary of findings

Five children moved together to this home in February 2026. This was an internally planned move from another home operated by the same provider. The children are cared for by the same manager and staff who worked with them in their previous home, bringing stability and security.

The move to the home was well managed and the children were fully involved.

The children have increased opportunities to learn new skills. They enjoy more freedom and privacy in this home, and there is a welcoming family atmosphere.

Professionals, staff, and people who are important to the children all say that the children have benefited from the move and are happy.

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

Children said they like living in their new home. One child said it was 'different, but good different.' Another child said they were 'happy.' Children said they had chosen the paint colours for their rooms and additional decorations and furniture. Some children had also helped to paint their bedrooms. Children are enjoying normal family activities, such as deciding how they spend their time, making cups of tea, cooking, and shopping.

The transition to the home was very well managed. Children benefited from a well-planned and supported move to the home. Children were able to visit the home numerous times, and this was supported by pictures, social stories, and support from the staff. The manager ensured that the home was warm, welcoming, and ready for the children to move in.

The children are developing their independence skills at a pace that reflects their individual abilities. They enjoy taking the bus to school. One child has progressed to doing this on their own and managing their own bus fare. Most of the children are regularly engaged in education and are making good progress. Several of the children have excellent attendance, and where appropriate, children are taking exams that reflect their abilities.

Children's health needs are a priority. Their health plans are detailed, child-centred documents that review all aspects of their health. They are up to date and reflective of the children's physical and sensory needs. Medical professionals are contacted when necessary. Staff challenge and question medical advice and inaction to ensure that children receive the necessary support. Medication administration is well managed, with good audit and review systems providing strong oversight and assurances.

Children are helped to see the people who are important to them, even when they live a long distance away. Feedback from these people described good planning and communication with the staff. One person described the staff as 'very accommodating' and said they were willing to drive long distances to help children to maintain their relationships.

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

Children said they feel safe and have trusted adults whom they can talk to if they have any worries. Children know how to make a complaint or raise concerns. When concerns are raised, they are taken seriously. Children are reassured that they have done the right thing, and their views are respected.

Risks to children are well managed and fully understood by the staff who care for them. The care plans and risk assessments reflect the needs of the children, and they are clear and directive. The manager holds additional training sessions and has introduced quizzes to support staff and ensure that they fully understand children's risks. When the manager identifies any shortfalls in staff practice, they are addressed. However, there are some gaps in one child's risk assessments that do not fully reflect their progress.

There is good management oversight of all incidents and concerns in the home. There is ongoing support for children, and documents are kindly written to children. Children and staff benefit from supportive conversations following these incidents. When children make allegations, there is clear communication with external professionals, and a full investigation is carried out. Support for children is prioritised, and safeguarding checks are completed. Children are involved in the decisions about their care and any actions that are taken. Children are invited to be involved in their meetings if they want to go.

Children are developing the skills to manage and talk about their needs and emotions. There is a variety of ways in which the children are supported to learn and communicate, and 'one size' does not fit all. In addition, staffing levels are maintained to ensure that the right support is available for children when necessary.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

The home is well maintained. Repairs are carried out in a timely manner. The manager demonstrates effective oversight of the home. There are comprehensive audits in place and no gaps in the monitoring of the service. The manager is not afraid to challenge when the necessary documentation is not in place for children or when the care and support provided does not meet their high standards.

There are some concerns raised regarding staffing levels and support by a very small number of staff. However, this was outweighed by very positive feedback from the rest of the staff. Rotas show proactive management and appropriate cover is in place for staff absences. There is ongoing safe recruitment of new staff, which ensures that only suitable people work with the children. Regular staff supervision sessions and appraisals

are carried out, and these offer support and guidance to the staff. Most staff feel supported in their roles, and they benefit from comprehensive training that is tailored to meet the needs of the children. Some staff said they are still adjusting to the changes of moving to the home, but this is going well.

When staff raise concerns to management, these are responded to swiftly. Staff work very well as a team and have the support and skills to provide good care to the children. The manager and deputy are described as 'supportive' and 'helpful' to staff if they have either professional or personal concerns.

The manager requests the views and opinions of stakeholders. These are captured and reviewed in the submissions to Ofsted, which provide information about the care provided for children. Feedback from professionals and people who are important to the children was very good. Professionals said the move had brought positive changes to the lives of the children and these now needed to be embedded. Professionals and people important to the children also described the staff as 'amazing' and commented on excellent communication and good standards of care. They felt assured that the children were well looked after.

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

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that staff continually and actively assess the risks to each child and the arrangements in place to protect them. In particular, when risk assessments are updated, the information should be accurately reflected across all the children's plans and assessments. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards,' page 42, paragraph 9.5)

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

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Provision sub-type: Children's home

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