

2752707

Registered provider: Rising Star Homes Limited

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is owned by a private provider. The home provides care for two children who may have social and emotional needs.

At the time of the inspection, there was one child living in the home.

The home is led by a registered manager.

Inspection dates: 29 and 30 September 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: 12 June 2024

Overall judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
12/06/2024	Full	Good

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

The child is happy and enjoys living at the home. The child feels safe and listened to by the nurturing staff, who act on their wishes, ensuring that everyone involved in the child's life understands their views. Staff are warm and caring in their approach and sensitively talk to the child about changes in their life. The home is nicely decorated with pictures of the child in the home.

The child's bedroom reflects their personal tastes. The views and wishes of the child are important to the staff. There are weekly meetings that promote choice and discussion. The child's achievements, including educational accomplishments, are celebrated. Staff support the child to make choices and their rights are respected. The child enjoys spending time with staff and talking to them about the things that are important to them. A calm, tolerant atmosphere is promoted in the home.

The child is helped to prepare for their future and learn to become independent. They are encouraged to cook, help with tasks in the home and pay for shopping and clothing, in line with their individualised plans. The child is supported to see the people who are important to them. Professionals said that staff work well with parents and carers to maintain consistent and meaningful contact. Staff advocate for the child and support the family with arrangements and travel.

The manager's and staff's sustained efforts to meet the child's physical and emotional health needs have empowered the child to participate in the management of their care, including changing their diet and reaping the benefits of regular exercise.

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

Staff know the child and their risks well. Staff understand how the child's past experiences affect them and ensure that their risk assessments and care plans are regularly updated. Staff demonstrate to them that they are important, and they trust that staff will respond to their needs. This helps the child feel safer and supports them to develop a feeling of belonging.

Missing-from-home incidents are managed effectively. Staff work collaboratively with the child's social worker and local agencies to reduce the risks when the child is missing. The manager takes time to speak to the child alone when any incidents occur. Management oversight of incidents is robust. Staff are supportive and non-judgemental in their practice. When the child returns to the home, staff's primary focus is the child's well-being.

The manager promotes a strong safeguarding culture, and staff are fully aware of their safeguarding responsibilities. Consistent boundaries are set for the child's safety and

welfare. The child benefits from having a stable care team. Staff are recruited safely, and all references are verified.

Staff intervene to hold the child only as a last resort and to prevent them from harming themselves or others. Staff support them to recognise the strong emotions they are feeling and how these affect their behaviour. The child is learning strategies to self-regulate their emotions.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

The registered manager is well established and experienced. They have high aspirations for what the child can achieve, and their expectations for the standard of staff practice are also high. The manager has a good understanding of the home's strengths and areas for development and is working through a plan for continuous improvement.

The home has a full permanent staff team. The manager understands the importance of training and development and provides time for staff to complete their required qualification. This assures the manager that staff can meet the child's needs.

The manager supports the staff and shows understanding towards them. There are reflective supervision sessions where training needs are identified and emotional support is given. As a result, staff feel well supported and secure in their roles. This enables staff to create an environment that is aspirational for the child.

Children are not often consulted by the independent person when they visit the home, and the views of their family are frequently not sought. As a result, children and their families do not have the opportunity to comment upon the quality of care provided.

Staff work effectively with other professionals. They have relationships built on respect and honest communication. Professionals say that staff are strong advocates for the child.

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

Statutory requirement

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 ensure that an independent person visits the children's home at least once each month. When the independent person is carrying out a visit, the registered person must help the independent person— if they consent, to interview in private such of the children, their parents, relatives and persons working at the home as the independent person requires. (Regulation 44 (1) (2)(a))	16 October 2025

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: 2752707

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered manager: Augustine Musonera

Inspector

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