

2752709

Registered provider: Brookfield Care (NW) Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is run by a private organisation and provides care for up to three children who may experience social and emotional difficulties and may have a special educational needs and/or disabilities.

At the time of the inspection, two children were living at the home.

The manager has been registered with Ofsted since 5 February 2024.

Inspection date: 6 February 2025

Date of last inspection: 2 July 2024

Judgement at last inspection: requires improvement to be good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

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.

There were two children living at the home when the inspection took place. One child has moved in since the last inspection. The inspector spoke to one child during the inspection.

Children's education is a priority for staff, who actively support children to secure a school place. Staff advocate for children by addressing and challenging any barriers that may prevent them receiving an education. By ensuring that children can attend school, staff promote their academic development.

Children's health needs are supported. Staff ensure that children are registered with essential health services. This ensures that children have easy access to necessary treatment for any health issues.

Children are helped to maintain relationships with their families. Staff follow children's plans regarding family time. This ensures that children's interactions with the people who are important to them is made possible in a safe and supportive way.

Children are supported to understand how their individual risks can affect their safety and well-being. Staff carry out direct work with children that teaches them to recognise potential dangers to protect themselves from harm.

When children go missing from home, staff respond quickly. They follow established procedures, which include notifying the relevant agencies and carrying out immediate searches to find the children. This coordinated response supports the children's safe return. The social worker for one child commended the staff for their approach to locating the child when they were missing.

Risk management plans identify children's individual risks and the strategies for managing these effectively. Plans also help to assess whether staff have the necessary skills to safely meet the needs of children moving into the home.

The manager ensures that the home is well resourced to meet the needs of the children living there. Shortfalls in staff practice are addressed so that the quality of care is consistently maintained.

Leaders and managers proactively ensure that they have access to children's placing authority plans and actively challenge any delays in receiving them. This helps to guarantee that staff provide care in line with children's identified needs, as outlined in their plans.

Leaders and managers have addressed the shortfalls identified at the last inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
02/07/2024	Full	Requires improvement to be good

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 care planning standard is that children— have a positive experience of arriving at or moving on from the home. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that arrangements are in place to— plan for, and help, each child to prepare to leave the home or to move into adult care in a way that is consistent with arrangements agreed with the child's placing authority. (Regulation 14 (1)(b) (2)(b)(iii)). In particular, leaders and managers must ensure that children are supported to leave the home in a planned and positive way. This requirement is restated	10 September 2024

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2752709

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Brookfield Care (NW) Limited

Registered provider address: 139 Bramhall Moor Lane, Hazel Grove, Stockport SK7 5AQ

Responsible individual: Michelle Kershaw

Registered manager: Emma Slater

Inspector

Chibuzo Otache, Social Care Inspector

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