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Registered provider: Care2Rise Ltd

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This is a privately owned children's home. The home provides care for up to three children aged 10 to 17 with social and emotional difficulties, providing medium- to long-term care on a planned basis.

The home was registered with Ofsted in December 2023. The manager was registered at the same time.

At the time of the inspection, there were no children were living at the home.

Inspection date: 6 March 2025

Date of last inspection: 11 June 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.

Since the last full inspection in June 2024, three children have moved out of the home. At the time of the assurance visit, no children were living at the home. The registered manager and senior leadership team have implemented an action plan to address the shortfalls reported on in the previous inspection.

The home has been refurbished. The home has been redecorated and now has a warm, cosy feel. Children's bedrooms are decorated and have new furniture. Bedrooms are ready to be personalised when children move into their new bedrooms.

When children have been admitted to the home, clear care plans have been created. Placement planning meetings ensure that staff have all the relevant information required to meet the immediate needs of children coming to live at the home.

Children's views are valued. Children are supported to participate in meetings and are actively involved in their care planning.

Children are supported to attend education. Where an education provision has not been readily available, staff have moved swiftly to identify education support. Children have made progress in their educational attainment.

Children are registered with all relevant healthcare providers. They are supported to attend appointments, and they have regular health reviews. Staff ensure that children have access to specialist health services when this is needed to meet their health needs.

Risks to children, including those in the community, are well identified and responded to. Children have clear, concise individual risk assessments that identify any possible risks.

Management oversight and review are evident when any serious or significant incidents occur. Targeted actions are identified and completed and updates to children's plans are enacted.

Staff have access to mandatory training and specialist training, which supports them to manage the complex needs of children. However, there continue to be gaps in the training records for some staff.

The senior leadership team uses a lessons learned approach when placements end. This supports them to understand and reflect on the reasons why a placement ended and how as a consequence they can further develop the service to better support children in the future.

Staff are supported in their role. Staff receive regular supervision and therapeutic support. Staff have opportunities to look at a range of areas during the supervision, including current research findings, developing reflective practice and the impact of key-work sessions with children.

The manager completes an impact assessment and a detailed suitability analysis when children are being considered for placement at the home. Clear plans are identified in conjunction with other agencies working with children before their admission.

Leaders and managers have worked diligently to address the shortfalls previously identified that resulted in a requires improvement judgement. This assurance visit has identified that tangible, visible progress has been made to address these.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
11/06/2024	Full	Requires improvement to be good

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

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that staff are appropriately trained and maintain the training and development of staff in the home. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 53, paragraph 10.11)

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2754809

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Responsible individual:

Registered manager: Ayan Richard

Inspector

Helen Daniel, Social Care Inspector

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