

2769098

Registered provider: Prosperity Children's Services

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 two children who may have social and emotional difficulties.

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

The manager registered with Ofsted in October 2024.

Inspection dates: 18 and 19 March 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: not applicable

Overall judgement at last inspection: not applicable

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

At the time of this inspection, one child was living in the home. Since the last inspection, one child has moved out of this home, and one child has been welcomed into the home and has settled in well. This includes the child visiting the home and meeting the staff team before the child moved in.

Children take an active role in reviewing their plans. They spend time with their key workers each month to review what they have accomplished and plan what they would like to achieve in the future. This helps children to feel in control of their future and learn skills that are important to them.

Children's physical health needs are met well. Children are registered with health professionals, and appointments are made as necessary. The organisation's clinical team provides support through therapy. The team also supports staff in respect of their approach when working with children. This allows children the opportunity to develop better emotional awareness and understand their emotions.

Children access education that is tailored to their individual needs. Children benefit from effective support and encouragement from staff to promote their education and learning.

Children's time with their families is actively supported and promoted by staff. Staff are effective at improving and sustaining relationships between children and members of their family, even when there are challenges with this. This means that children experience greater opportunities to sustain important relationships and attachments with those who are significant to them.

Staff encourage and promote children's talents. These include martial arts and art. Photo books placed throughout the house capture the fun memories that children have made and their many achievements. The home is well maintained, and children have their own personalised bedrooms. This helps children to feel valued and comfortable in their home.

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

Risk management plans identify children's associated risks and set out clear strategies for staff to follow. Plans are kept under regular review by managers and staff to ensure that there is an effective response to children at risk of harm.

There have been safeguarding concerns relating to a child's mental health that deteriorated significantly. The manager and staff worked with all relevant professionals to ensure that the child was kept safe and received the appropriate support.

Children can display some complex and difficult behaviour when feeling anxious. Staff manage this very well, minimising the duration and severity of incidents. The use of

restrictive practice is low. The manager provides oversight, supporting staff to reflect and debrief after incidents.

All staff are sufficiently trained in safeguarding, which ensures that they have a clear understanding of their role and responsibilities to help keep children safe.

Staff know how to implement and follow the policies and procedures agreed with the local police for reporting children missing from care. Staff take appropriate action to locate a missing child quickly, and promote the child's safe return by means of keeping in touch with them and liaising closely with the police and other agencies. There is a process in place for children to be seen by an independent person on their return. This helps staff to consider any information that may help to protect children from going missing again.

Staff educate children around risk. Children take part in individual key-work sessions on subjects such as online safety. This positive work enhances children's knowledge of risk and allows them to take the lead in their learning.

Children live in a physically safe environment. There are measures in place to ensure that the home is free from hazards. Regular fire drills are carried out to ensure that children know what they need to do in the event of an emergency.

When recruiting staff, managers follow safer recruitment procedures to ensure that staff are fully vetted and safe to work with children. This promotes a safe and healthy environment for children.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

The manager is a positive role model. He provides strong leadership and guidance to the team. He is child centred in his approach to providing care for children and ensures that children are at the centre of staff practice.

Staff feel supported in their roles by managers. They receive regular supervision, which considers children's progress as well as staff well-being. Managers provide debriefs for staff after challenging incidents. Regular team meetings provide a forum for staff and managers to consider how practice can be improved. Good support for staff helps create a supportive environment better equipped to meet children's needs.

The staff have undertaken a wide range of training to ensure that they have the skills needed to meet the needs of the children living in this home. Additional training is allocated to staff as the emerging needs of the children living here are identified.

The manager has not sent a copy of the statement of purpose to Ofsted since the home opened in October 2024. This does not provide Ofsted with a current view of the home's operation and arrangements.

The manager has a clear vision for the development of the home. He uses internal and external monitoring systems effectively in order to develop a good understanding of the home's strengths and weaknesses. This enables him to take effective action when required.

The manager has established good working relationships with external professionals, including the police, education professionals and placing social workers. This partnership approach means that children are benefiting from the full range of support provided by other professionals.

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 registered person must— keep the statement of purpose under review and, where appropriate, revise it; and notify HMCI of any revisions and send HMCI a copy of the revised statement within 28 days of the revision. (Regulation 16 (3)(a)(b))	29 April 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: 2769098

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered manager: Russell Walker

Inspector

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