

2770431

Registered provider: RBR CARE LTD

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is owned and managed by a private provider. It provides care for up to six children who may have social and emotional difficulties.

There has been no registered manager at the home since 6 May 2025. The acting manager has made an application to register with Ofsted.

Two children were living at the home at the time of this inspection. One child was spoken to by the inspector.

Inspection date: 20 October 2025

Date of last inspection: 19 August 2025

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.

Inspectors have 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

Ofsted did not identify any serious or widespread concerns in relation to the care or protection of children at this assurance inspection.

The manager has had oversight of the running of the home since the previous inspection. Staff said that they feel they have more direction from the manager. Staff feel that the staff team has developed since the previous visit. One staff member said, 'We are a team now. We all work on the same page.'

The manager has effective oversight of children's risk assessments. Staff fully understand the current risks of each child and how best to manage these. When changes occur to risk assessments, these changes are communicated through the staff team, meaning that staff are aware of any changing risks or vulnerabilities.

Children are not in full-time education. However, one child is accessing alternative education with good effect. This child has plans to support them to extend their timetable. This is having a positive impact on the child's education as well as promoting time with friends. Staff support the other child to complete work provided by the school. This is progress from the child's starting point. Furthermore, the manager works with professionals to develop a plan that better meets the child's needs.

Staff have strong relationships with the children. Staff fully understand the children's needs and what is important to them. Children are more engaged with staff. Children actively spend time with staff, which enables staff to have key conversations about areas that affect their lives. As a result, the children have trusted adults in their lives who they can speak to.

The manager is proactive in working with each child's local authority to ensure that he has all necessary statutory documents, and he raises concerns effectively with the local authority. This means that any arrangements concerning children's plans are discussed in a format where all parties are involved.

Quality of care reviews are completed in line with timescales. These reviews show the manager's understanding of the home's strengths and areas for development, with a development plan in place.

The manager has not yet fully embedded an effective system to ensure that staff receive regular supervisions sessions. Although some supervisions sessions have occurred, these have not been on a regular basis. This means that staff do not always have the opportunity to reflect on their practice in a safe space.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
19/08/2025	Full	Requires improvement to be good
12/02/2025	Full	Good

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

Statutory requirements

This section sets out the actions that the registered person 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 must comply within the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
The registered person must ensure that all employees— receive practice-related supervision by a person with appropriate experience; and have their performance and fitness to perform their roles appraised at least once every year. (Regulation 33 (1) (4)(b)(c))	15 December 2025

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that where children are not participating in education because they have been excluded or are not on a school roll for some other reason, the registered person and staff must work closely with the placing authority so that the child is supported and enabled to resume full-time education as soon as possible. In the interim, the child should be supported to sustain or regain their confidence in education and be engaged in suitable structured activities. If no education place is identified by the placing authority, the registered person must challenge them to meet the child's needs under regulation 5 (engaging with the wider system to ensure children's needs are met). ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 28, paragraph 5.15)

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2770431

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: RBR CARE LTD

Registered provider address: 92-98 Queen Street, Sheffield S1 2DW

Responsible individual: Keith Riley

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Gary Smithson, Social Care Inspector

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