

2775486

Registered provider: Therapeutic Care Limited

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

A private provider runs this home. The home provides care for up to 2 children who may experience emotional and/or social difficulties. At the time of this inspection, one child was living in the home.

The manager registered with Ofsted in April 2024.

Inspection dates: 17 and 18 December 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: 21 October 2025

Overall judgement at last inspection: inadequate

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
21/10/2025	Full	Inadequate
08/10/2024	Full	Good

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

The child spoke with the inspectors during this inspection.

The child has now lived at the home for 6 months. During this time, staff have supported the child through various difficulties and challenges. The consistent support from staff has provided the child with stability and a sense of belonging.

Staff understand and support the child's health needs. The child has been reluctant to engage with health professionals. However, staff persevere and continue to encourage the child to attend medical appointments. Specialist referrals have been made when necessary.

Education is valued in the home. Education is delivered in a creative and personalised way for the child. This approach has had a positive impact on the child's engagement and overall attitude towards education. Staff have also helped the child to identify future goals and aspirations.

Staff and the manager understand the importance of family time. Staff support the child to see their family and friends in a safe way. Staff travel a considerable distance with the child to allow them to see those who are important to them and maintain social connections.

Staff and the manager help the child to express their feelings and wishes using a variety of methods. The manager ensures that the child can share their views in their placing authority meetings. This helps the child to feel some control over their life.

The home is clean, welcoming and a safe environment for the child. The child has been able to personalise their bedroom and has chosen their own decor. The child also has a pet that they are supported to look after by staff.

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

The child is kept safe by staff who are knowledgeable about the child's current needs and vulnerabilities. The child has developed positive and trusting relationships with staff and states that they wish to remain living in the home until the age of independence.

Staff take a therapeutic approach and support the child to understand their emotions. When incidents do occur, staff support the child in line with their training and management guidance. This has had a positive impact on the child and has led to a reduction in incidents and a calmer home environment.

Previous shortfalls in staff practice have been addressed and stringent security protocols are in place to prevent access to the company vehicle. The manager has ensured that staff are provided with clear guidance and strategies in how best to support the child.

Staff understand their safeguarding responsibilities and know how to escalate concerns, including to external agencies. New members of staff have been recruited safely in an attempt to ensure that only suitable individuals work with children.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

The manager is suitably experienced and qualified. He has high expectations of staff practice. The manager is supported by an experienced responsible individual. The manager has effective oversight of the home, and shortfalls in staff practice are addressed swiftly.

There is a committed and stable staff team. There has been little use of staff from other homes, which ensures consistency for the child.

There is a range of experience in the staff team, with some staff being qualified in residential childcare. New members of staff complete an induction before being enrolled to complete a recognised childcare qualification. There is a large amount of training available to staff. The manager has ensured that staff have refreshed some key training to strengthen the safeguarding culture in the home.

Staff report that they feel supported by the manager. Regular team meetings are reflective and embed learning. Staff supervision sessions are completed regularly, which are supportive, reflective and identify areas for development.

The manager is a strong advocate for the child. He has formed positive working relationships with other professionals and works well with other agencies.

There have been no requirements or recommendations made at this inspection.

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: 2775486

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Therapeutic Care Limited

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