

2780216

Registered provider: Omega Care Group Limited

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is owned by a private provider. It provides care for up to 2 children who may experience social and emotional difficulties.

At the time of the inspection, 2 children were living at the home. Both children spoke with the inspector about their experiences of living at the home.

Inspection dates: 14 to 15 January 2026

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: 18 February 2025

Overall judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
18/02/2025	Full	Good

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

Children say, 'This is an amazing home', and spending time with staff is like being with family. Staff provide consistent and unconditional care to children, ensuring that they feel supported and cherished.

Staff prioritise children's educational needs. They help children to overcome any barriers to education with sensitivity and positivity. When children cannot attend formal education, they encourage them to engage in alternative activities. Children are making consistent progress in their academic achievements.

Staff provide children with valuable experiences outside of the home. They ensure that activities are both fun and enable children to take age-appropriate risks. For example, one child has learnt how to use technology safely and responsibly whilst living at the home.

Staff empower children to explore their individual identities. They celebrate and reinforce this by supporting children to develop various interests. One child is now learning Chinese and joined a local church and associated groups.

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

Staff know how to keep children safe. Incidents rarely occur at the home and when they do, staff act promptly and effectively to ensure the child is safe. Staff acted immediately when a child did not return home on time, locating them quickly. The child said that this response helped them feel cared for and valued by staff.

Children's risk plans are clear and updated regularly. Staff consult with children about what should be in their plans. Staff use strategies that are child led and effective in helping children learn how to keep themselves safe.

Staff form trusted relationship with children quickly. When children are worried or scared, they speak to staff without hesitation. Staff speak with children about their worries in a non-judgement way and help them communicate their feelings safely. Staff support children to talk about mental health in a positive and nurturing way.

Staff engage in training tailored to the children's individual risks. Staff apply their learning in practice to ensure it continues to respond to the children's vulnerabilities.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

The home is managed by a dedicated and experienced registered manager. She leads a team that places children's voices at the front and centre of their care. Children say they know the manager will advocate for them and 'fight their corner'. Children live in an

environment where managers and staff ensure that there are no limits placed on children's achievements.

Leaders and managers hold their staff in high regard. Staff go to work with enthusiasm and a strong commitment to the children they care for. One member of staff said, 'My job doesn't feel like work'. Senior managers check on staff wellbeing and actively show their appreciation to staff.

The registered manager is dual registered with another children's home owned by the provider. The deputy manager and senior staff support her to maintain full oversight of staff practice. Areas for development in staff practice are promptly identified, and staff are supported to enhance their skills.

Leaders and managers ensure that children are well supported when they move in and out of the home. One child was very fearful of moving into the home. Staff supported them patiently, taking their previous experiences into account. Children settle well into the home and quickly develop strong sense of belonging. However, the manager failed to inform a social worker when a child moved in. This is a missed opportunity to share information and ensure children live together safely and happily.

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

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that any relevant persons, including social worker, for children already living at the home, are consulted with prior to a child moving into the home. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 18, paragraph 3.30)

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: 2780216

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Omega Care Group Limited

Registered provider address: 40-42 Kemble Street, Prescott L34 5SQ

Responsible individual: Paul Seddon

Registered manager: Nia Roscoe

Inspector

Sarah Gilbert, Social Care Regulatory Inspector

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