

2783784

Registered provider: Young Horizons Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This privately owned home is registered to provide care for up to three children with social and emotional difficulties.

The manager has been registered with Ofsted since the home opened in May 2024. He is suitably qualified.

Three children were living in the home at the time of the inspection. One child spoke to the inspector during the inspection.

Inspection date: 6 January 2025

Date of last inspection: 27 August 2024

Judgement at last inspection: requires improvement to be good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Information about this inspection

At these inspections, 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

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

Incidents of children harming themselves have been managed well. The staff team's approach to supporting children who harm themselves is nurturing and caring. Staff are comfortable talking to the children and gently challenge them to consider the effect of their risk-taking behaviour. Staff talk openly with children and listen to them effectively about their reasons for wanting to self-harm. Staff help them to work through their emotions and to talk more openly about their worries. Staff and managers work in partnership to support children with their emotional health. Children who harm themselves are provided alternative strategies to keep them safe. Safety plans and risk assessments are kept up to date, and mental health professionals and children have assisted in writing these.

The manager has implemented new monitoring systems since the last inspection, which are effective. This ensures that they have good oversight of the home and take action to address issues as they arise. This comprehensive oversight makes sure that all aspects of care and the running of the home are maintained to a good standard. This better assists the manager to identify concerns and make prompt changes to improve and maintain good standards of care for children.

Safeguarding records are comprehensive. They now detail the outcome of any concern, as well as further actions that staff need to be aware of. Additionally, the depth of staff's safeguarding knowledge is now reflected on during team meetings and supervision sessions.

Consequences given to children are now restorative in nature and in line with the home's ethos. This has supported children to think and learn about the consequences of their behaviour and the impact that it has had on others.

Each child has a wealth of documentation about their needs, challenges and potential risks. Staff demonstrate a good understanding of children's vulnerabilities and the potential risks posed to them. Clear guidance and strategies to follow are recorded in written risk assessments. This awareness is embedded in the staff's day-to-day work, which reduces and minimises the risks for children effectively. Staff monitor these plans effectively and keep them under review so that they evolve as the children's needs change.

The manager has completed upskilling sessions with staff about recording and reporting. As a result, incident reports are now detailed and contain the necessary information, in line with schedule 3. Staff recognise the positive changes that have been made since the last inspection. They feel that these have had a positive impact on their knowledge and development. This has improved the quality of care that the children receive.

The manager now notifies Ofsted when there are serious incidents in the home. This information-sharing strengthens the regulator's oversight of the home and the safety net for children.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
27/08/2024	Full	Requires improvement to be good

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2783784

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered manager: Jabar Khan

Inspector

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