

2785542

Registered provider: Rise Above Care Ltd

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is privately owned and provides care for up to two children who may experience social and emotional difficulties. At the time of the inspection, two children were living in the home.

The manager registered with Ofsted in May 2024.

Inspection dates: 15 and 16 April 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: 5 November 2024

Overall judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
05/11/2024	Full	Good

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

Children are happy living in this home. They have good relationships with each other. The home is decorated nicely and feels homely. One child said that he likes everything about the home and does not want to change anything.

Education is a priority. Staff actively encourage children to attend school and provide regular support to help them to understand the importance of education. Staff advocate for children's educational needs and embrace their role in the creation and facilitation of bespoke education arrangements. Children's access to education has improved because of the actions taken by staff.

Children's relationships with staff are positive. Children feel comfortable around staff and trust them. Staff speak fondly of the children and encourage them to strive towards their individual goals. Staff are proud of children's achievements, and these are celebrated.

Children access a range of activities, including going to trampoline parks and going on caravan holidays. Children's interests are important. Staff proactively arrange for children to access activities that the child enjoys and requests. One professional said, '[Name of child], their world is expanding, they have the opportunity to gain new experiences that they never had before.'

Some children have experienced quick and unplanned moves out of the home. Staff do all they can to make these moves as positive as possible. They provide nurture and show children that they are cared for and not judged.

Children's privacy is not always valued. Staff appropriately follow policies that provide consistent practice to all children. However, one policy directs staff to carry out room searches when children go missing from the home. Children's rooms can be searched unnecessarily, without their knowledge or without consideration to the child's individual needs and risks.

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

Risk assessments are individualised and address children's vulnerabilities effectively. There is clear direction for staff, with outlined actions to be taken to manage risks and safeguard children. Staff understand these assessments, and their practice helps to safeguard individual children.

Regular and relevant focused discussions are carried out with children to help them understand their own risks. Children are given opportunities to reflect on their risks and identify ways to keep themselves safe.

Staff play a critical role in ensuring the safety of children. When concerns arise regarding a child's well-being when in the care of others, staff escalate these quickly and effectively. Staff continue to do this until they are satisfied children are safe.

The home's environment is safe and well maintained. Children's bedrooms provide children with a comfortable and safe space. A safety system is fitted to a child's bedroom in line with their needs and wishes. This system restricts the child's movement and should be reviewed regularly.

Staff understand children's needs, including their health. However, children's medication records lack management oversight and staff practice is not always effective. There has been unnecessary delay in a child being administered their daily supplements.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

Staff feel supported by the manager. Staff receive regular supervisions and team meetings are well attended. These focus on the development and training of staff and promote practice discussions that focus on the safety and care of children.

Safer recruitment processes are clear and effective. Additional recruitment checks are carried out, beyond the standard practice. These checks further explore the prospective employee's experience and values and help secure staff who can meet the children's needs.

Leaders and staff work proactively and positively with external agencies and professionals. They seek to build effective working relationships with children's parents and social workers. This leads to positive outcomes for children.

When complaints are received, thorough investigations are carried out by the appropriate persons to ensure that these investigations are fair. Leaders and managers consult with the relevant persons and communicate appropriately with all those involved. This practice supports the safeguarding of children.

Leaders' and managers' oversight of the home is not always effective. Audits are in place but discrepancies in children's records are not always identified. Therefore, the manager has not recognised the need for additional learning and practice reflection for the staff team.

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 leadership and management standard is that the registered person enables, inspires, and leads a culture in relation to the children's home that— promotes their welfare. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to— use monitoring and review systems to make continuous improvements in the quality of care provided in the home. (Regulation 13 (1)(b) (2)(h))	16 July 2025
The registered person must make arrangements for the handling, recording, safekeeping, safe administration, and disposal of medicines received into the children's home. In particular the registered person must ensure that— medicine which is prescribed for a child is administered as prescribed to the child for whom it is prescribed and to no other child; and a record is kept of the administration of medicine to each child. (Regulation 23 (1) (2)(b)(c))	16 July 2025

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that searching a child's bedroom should be assessed in relation to the individual child's needs and risks. A child's bedroom should not generally be entered without their permission. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards,' page 16, paragraph 3.20)

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: 2785542

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Responsible individual: Carl Nelson

Registered manager: Diane Sims

Inspector

Sarah McGow, Social Care Inspector

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