

2788683

Registered provider: Holden Knight Healthcare Temp

Full 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 one child who may experience social and emotional difficulties.

The home registered with Ofsted in July 2024.

The registered manager post is vacant. The new manager has submitted her application to register with Ofsted.

At the time of this inspection, one child was living at the home.

Inspection dates: 11 and 12 February 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: 14 January 2025

Overall judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
14 January 2025	Full	Good

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

The child benefits from living in a stable and secure home and is settled at the home. They say they feel happy and safe and have developed very positive relationships with staff. The child has previously experienced a number of different placements and describes this home as the best they have lived in, saying it 'feels like a home'. This reflects the nurturing environment created by staff and the consistency of care provided.

Consultation with the child is a clear strength of the home. Staff actively encourage the child to contribute to their care planning and decision-making. Regular key-work sessions ensure that the child's wishes and feelings are routinely sought, recorded and responded to. Staff are accessible and provide consistent guidance and emotional support, helping the child to feel listened to and valued.

The child's health needs are well met. Staff ensure that the child is registered with relevant healthcare professionals and support them to attend appointments as required. The home benefits from access to therapeutic and clinical support services. These services enhance staff understanding of the child's needs through training and guidance, further strengthening the home's ability to meet the child's emotional health needs effectively.

Education has previously been an area of concern for the child. However, staff have demonstrated persistence and effective advocacy in challenging barriers, together with the virtual school and placing authority. As a result, appropriate educational provision has been identified. The child now has access to both formal and informal learning opportunities, supporting the development of skills and promoting improved outcomes.

Family time is promoted and supported well. Staff recognise the importance of maintaining positive family relationships and ensure that arrangements are planned and facilitated in line with the child's care plan. The child is also encouraged and supported to develop and maintain individual friendships. Where appropriate, friends are able to visit the home and stay overnight, subject to suitable risk assessments, agreements and clear arrangements being in place. This enables the child to experience positive peer relationships and age-appropriate social opportunities, contributing to their sense of belonging.

Staff demonstrate high aspirations for the child and actively encourage them to pursue and achieve their goals. This includes supporting them to go on a holiday abroad, providing them with valuable life experiences. The child also participates in a wide range of activities, including using local leisure facilities and going mountain biking. The child has been supported to have a pet at home. This has had a positive impact on their personal development. The child now demonstrates increased

confidence when discussing and caring for their pet and takes pride in the responsibilities associated with their pet's day-to-day care.

Overall, the child is making progress from their starting point due to the stability of the placement and the consistent, child-centred care provided by staff.

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

Staff demonstrate a strong understanding of their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding children and promoting their welfare.

Comprehensive risk management plans are in place, that staff understand and implement effectively. The manager maintains strong oversight of these plans, regularly reviewing their effectiveness and sharing relevant updates with placing authority social workers. This ensures clear communication and a coordinated approach to managing risk.

Recent behavioural incidents have been managed appropriately, with staff responding calmly and providing consistent support to the child throughout. However, a recent incident led to the child being able to access a knife, which although stored away was not secured. The manager is currently reviewing storage arrangements to minimise the risk of this reoccurring.

Risk management plans are updated to reflect the child's changing needs and emerging risks, ensuring that support remains relevant and effective. Staff engage the child in meaningful discussions about individual risks and the strategies in place to help them stay safe. This supports the child in making more informed choices and strengthens their understanding of personal safety.

Health and safety checks are completed thoroughly and consistently, including regular fire evacuation drills. These measures contribute to maintaining a safe, warm and welcoming home environment.

Recruitment and selection processes are robust and align with safer recruitment guidance, further strengthening safeguarding practices in the home.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

Since the last inspection, there has been a change of manager. The former deputy manager has been appointed as the home manager and has submitted her application to register with Ofsted. This appointment has ensured continuity of care, and the child has an excellent relationship with the manager.

The manager is suitably qualified and experienced and demonstrates high aspirations for the child and the overall development of the home. Over the past year, a consistent staff team has been in place. The staff share the manager's vision and provide warm, supportive care, which helps the child feel secure and settled at the home.

New staff joining the home benefit from a comprehensive induction programme, which includes shadowing experienced colleagues and completing training to equip them with the necessary skills and knowledge for their role. When required, additional specialist training to meet the specific needs of the child living at the home is arranged, which further underpins knowledge and practice.

Staff benefit from regular supervision that supports reflective practice, identifies individual learning needs and offers clear guidance and support. Staff say they value the support and guidance they receive from the manager and that she provides positive and inspirational leadership.

The home operates in accordance with the statement of purpose. It is provided to interested parties, however, it is not available on the organisation's website.

The manager has responded to and addressed the previous requirement and recommendations raised. This includes greater oversight of recording of incidents to ensure that records comply with regulations. Behaviour management plans have been updated and reflect the current support required to help manage the child's behaviours and risks. The home has undergone recent maintenance and provides a warm, homely and welcoming environment.

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 compile in relation to the children's home a statement ("the statement of purpose") which covers the matters listed in Schedule 1. If a home has a website, the registered person must ensure that a copy of the statement of purpose is published on the website unless the registered person considers that such publication would prejudice the welfare of the children in the home (Regulation 16 (1) (4))	1 April 2026

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that knives and any other potentially dangerous items are stored securely and kept out of reach of children at all times. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 50, paragraph 9.62)

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: 2788683

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Holden Knight Healthcare Temp

Registered provider address: 200 Brook Drive, Reading RG2 6UB

Responsible individual: Peter Whitworth

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Sarah Oldham, Social Care Inspector

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