

2794041

Registered provider: Resicare Alliance Limited

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

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

At the time of the inspection, three children were living in the home. The children took part in the inspection and contributed their views.

The home is led by a registered manager, and the registered provider has recently appointed a new responsible individual.

Inspection dates: 2 and 3 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: 18 March 2025

Overall judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
18/03/2025	Full	Good

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

There are positive and nurturing relationships between children and staff. Staff speak warmly about the children, and the home provides a comfortable, homely environment. Children's bedrooms are personalised, and one child has an animal companion, which contributes to their sense of stability and emotional wellbeing.

Children's care plans are clearly written, detailed, and regularly updated. They cover most aspects of each child's life, including the reason for their placement. However, children's culture and identity are not sufficiently explored within these plans, which limits the home's ability to support these important areas fully.

Children are making good progress in their education. They attend school or engage in home-based learning as appropriate. When a child is not in a school placement, the home sources daily tutoring. An outbuilding has been converted into an education room, providing a dedicated space that helps children focus on their learning.

Each child has an up-to-date healthcare plan that outlines their medical history and current needs. These needs are well met. Children are supported to eat healthily and take part in regular exercise, including gym membership and walks with staff. Medication procedures are robust, and staff competency in administering and recording medication is regularly assessed.

Children learn independence skills appropriate to their age and stage of development. For an older child, this has been formalised into an independence programme. They manage a weekly budget, shop for ingredients, and prepare their own meals in preparation for semi-independent living.

Children benefit from meaningful one-to-one time with staff through regular keywork sessions. These sessions address issues specific to each child and are well recorded. Children also contribute their views, wishes, and feelings during weekly home meetings.

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

Staff have a clear understanding of the risks associated with each child. Comprehensive risk assessments are in place, detailing the level of risk, key indicators, and potential triggers. These assessments include both proactive and reactive strategies designed to minimise and effectively manage risks. This structured approach supports staff to maintain children's safety and wellbeing.

More challenging behaviour from children is responded to by staff well. Records are detailed in relation to behaviour management. Management oversight of each incident is added to the record. Staff and children are debriefed by the manager or deputy

manager. This helps staff to learn from incidents and identify different approaches to care. Staff respond very well to rare incidents of children's harmful behaviours. Immediate action is taken. Safety plans are created when required. Children are supported to talk with staff about their feelings and concerns. Additional support is provided to children and staff from the provider's specialist clinical services team.

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The home is aware of risks in the home's locality. Staff discuss safety in the community with the children. This is in line with their level of independence. However, the location risk assessment needs to be kept up to date. Views of other relevant people must also be sought. This is to ensure that current and relevant risks to children are identified.

The manager ensures that complaints and allegations are taken seriously. They are comprehensively responded to and recorded. Safeguarding professionals are appropriately involved where required. Outcomes are clearly recorded. Staff have received additional training on allegation management. Children have access to an advocate.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

The manager has ensured that the requirements and recommendations from the previous inspection have been fully addressed. The manager knows the children very well. She talks positively about them and the progress they have made.

Staff receive regular and helpful one to one supervision sessions. This is with the manager, deputy manager or a team leader. They include discussions regarding the care of the children. Staff wellbeing is addressed. Staff understanding is assessed through their responses to monthly scenarios. These cover topics such as safeguarding, allegations and whistleblowing.

There is a thorough induction to the home for new staff. This is overseen by the manager. It includes a workbook and practice examples to test staff knowledge. Also, comprehensive training for their roles. In addition to mandatory training, staff receive upskilling sessions. This is delivered by clinical and quality assurance teams. Additional training is provided as a response to children's individual needs.

The manager knows the strengths of the team and areas that she still wants to develop further. This is supported by up-to-date workforce and home development plans.

Thorough monitoring and quality assurance processes are used by the manager. This includes a very good and effective management dashboard. The responsible individual and senior management also complete home audits. Management oversight is clear

across children's records. The manager spends time engaging with children and discussing their feelings.

Staff feel very well supported by the manager. They say that she listens to their views. One staff member said, 'The manager has been truly outstanding. Her encouragement, active listening, and unwavering support have made a significant difference in my professional growth.'

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 children's views, wishes and feelings standard is that children receive care from staff who— take their views, wishes and feelings into account in relation to matters affecting the children's care and welfare and their lives. (Regulation 7 (1)(c)) In particular, this refers to ensuring that the child's culture and identity are considered in planning their care.	31 March 2026
The registered person must review the appropriateness and suitability of the location of the premises used for the purposes of the children's home at least once in each calendar year taking into account the requirement in regulation 12(2)(c) (the protection of children standard). When conducting the review, the registered person must consult, and take into account the views of, each relevant person. (Regulation 46 (1) (2))	31 March 2026

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: 2794041

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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