

2795947

Registered provider: Supporting Futures Limited

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is operated by a private organisation. It provides care for up to two children who may experience social and emotional difficulties and/or learning disabilities.

The manager registered with Ofsted on 12 August 2024

Inspection dates: 4 and 5 March 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: 4 February 2025

Overall judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
04/02/2025	Full	Good

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

Since the last inspection, one child has moved into the home and one child has moved out. Two children were living in the home at the time of this inspection.

Children have trusting relationships with staff which enables them to sustain positive attachments. Staff provide children with consistency and stability. Children said, 'Staff are good and if you have a problem, they help sort it out' and 'Staff are kind, caring and fun.'

Children benefit from good quality support from staff that contributes to meaningful improvements in their lives. As a result, children make good progress from their starting points.

Staff support children to see their families. This ensures that they maintain close relationships with the people who are most important to them. A parent said, 'Staff go above and beyond.'

There are effective arrangements in place to promote the children's good health. Children are registered with a doctor, dentist and optician and staff provide them with access to these services, when they need them.

Children's medication is managed and administered safely. However, one child's medication is not stored securely and in line with good practice guidance for the safe storage of controlled medication.

Children make good progress with their education and learning and attend school regularly. A teacher said, '[The child] is an eager learner and an active participant in the classroom. Their school attendance is perfect.'

Staff provide children with positive activities to develop their interests and hobbies. One child enjoys going to the skate park and has attended mixed martial art classes. Children enjoy trips and social outings with the staff in the community.

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

Staff prioritise the safety of children and have a good understanding of their specific needs and vulnerabilities. The use of robust risk management plans and safe working practises promotes the safety of children. Children become increasingly safer because of the actions staff take to support and protect them. Children are kept safe and feel safe.

Staff promote a supportive, caring and positive environment for children to feel safe and secure. They ensure that children benefit from a warm, comfortable and nurturing environment.

There have been no complaints or allegations since the last inspection. Significant incidents are reported to the appropriate authorities to ensure that there is a well-coordinated response to protect children from harm. However, there was an isolated occasion when a child made a serious attempt to harm themselves. This incident was managed safely but was not reported to Ofsted to ensure regulatory oversight.

There has not been any missing from home incidents since the last inspection. Staff are familiar with the procedures to be followed should a missing from home incident occur. Staff maintain effective partnerships with all external professional agencies to promote the safety of children. A social worker said, 'The staff fully understand childhood trauma and advocate on the child's behalf.'

Staff are trained to manage children's behaviours safely. They are skilled in de-escalation and take action to prevent behaviours from escalating. Physical intervention is only ever used as a last resort to protect children from harm. Consequences to address unwanted behaviours are fair and proportionate. A social worker said, 'The manager and staff have a good understanding of behaviours. They are providing [The child] with safety, stability and consistency.'

Safer recruitment practices are adhered to and staff employed are recruited and vetted carefully, to ensure that children are protected from unsuitable people.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

Children benefit from a home that is managed efficiently by a well-qualified and experienced registered manager who effectively leads the day-to-day operations of the home.

The manager leads staff, by example, and provides them with a clear sense of purpose and direction. They stimulate staff's enthusiasm and channel their efforts effectively. A social worker said, 'The manager and staff work closely with professionals which is having a positive impact and offering [the child's name] a positive experience.'

A stable staff team is employed to provide children with consistency. Staff benefit from relevant training opportunities to help them meet the specific needs of children.

The manager holds regular team meetings and ensures that staff benefit from practice related supervision sessions. This encourages staff to reflect on their job role performance and provides them with opportunities for reflective discussions. Staff also use these meetings to review and monitor the progress of children.

The manager makes effective use of the independent person's monitoring activities to understand the strengths and weaknesses of the care provided for children. They address any identified shortfalls to secure improvement.

The manager has addressed both recommendations from the last inspection to further improve the care provided for children.

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

Recommendations

- The registered person should ensure that Ofsted and other relevant persons are notified if there is an incident in the home concerning the welfare of a child which the registered person considers to be serious. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations including the quality standards', page 63, paragraph 14.10)
- The registered person should ensure that any medication that is classified as a controlled drug is stored more securely. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 35, paragraph 7.15)

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: 2795947

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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