

2808298

Registered provider: East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is owned and managed by a local authority. It provides care for one child who may have social and emotional difficulties. There was one child living in the home at the time of the inspection.

The manager is suitably qualified and registered with Ofsted in September 2024.

Inspection dates: 10 and 11 June 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: not previously inspected

Overall judgement at last inspection: not applicable

Enforcement action since last inspection: not applicable

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

Staff put the child's well-being at the centre of their practice. The child is treated with dignity and respect, and adaptations have been made around the home to create a warm, homely environment for the child to live in. Staff are committed to providing stability for the child and have started to make positive relations with them. This helps the child feel secure and protected within the home.

The move into the home was well planned. The child had the opportunity to meet team members and visit the home before moving in. When another child left the home, staff worked hard to ensure the child's feelings were considered and favoured team members were at the home to support the child with the transition. This made the child feel supported and cared for.

Education is promoted in the home; staff recognise the importance of ensuring the child has the opportunity to learn and interact in a school environment. This has not always been possible, and the registered manager has advocated and challenged to promote a return to full-time education.

Staff work proactively with the child's family and ensure they receive timely information and are encouraged to engage in making decisions for the child. Family time is actively promoted, and no unnecessary restrictions are put in place to restrict time spent together. The child is also encouraged to spend time with friends, and this is supported by the staff. This ensures that the child maintains relationships outside of the home.

The registered manager has built up good working relationships with specialist agencies, and they are able to support the child in the home. When another child lived at the home, the number of professionals working with them was extensive, and this ensured the child received a multi-agency support plan to help stabilise the placement and support their needs.

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

The child can identify team members that they feel able to share any concerns with. There are lots of opportunities for the child to spend time with staff and talk about things that might be worrying them. All staff have had training in relation to understanding safeguarding and reporting concerns.

Staff are aware of the risks associated with the child. Risk assessments are updated regularly and shared across the team, so staff know what to do in a given situation. The registered manager reviews all risk assessments and any significant incidents,

which ensures that there is clear management oversight. The child is supported to take age-appropriate risks, and this helps them develop independence skills. When things do not go to plan, the child and staff are encouraged to learn from the experience.

There is evidence of timely information-sharing. Any child protection concerns are immediately shared with professionals and the family. There is evidence that time is spent with the child talking about the incident. This helps the child have a better understanding of risks and encourages them to think about and prioritise their safety.

Staff do understand the risk to the child concerning internet use and the potential risk of exploitation. There is evidence that direct work has been and continues to be undertaken with the child to help them keep safe online.

There is a positive response when the child goes missing, and staff will actively search for the child. Not all missing-from-home episodes are recorded appropriately, which means that management oversight can be lacking, and the registered manager is not consistently meeting the statutory guidance relating to children who are reported as missing.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

The home is managed by a permanent registered manager who has extensive experience of working with children in care. The home is properly staffed and resourced and meets the needs of the child. Arrangements for recruitment are robust. This means that only suitably vetted staff work with the child.

The registered manager has a wealth of experience working with children in care, and he is visible within the home. There is management cover 24 hours per day, which helps staff feel supported.

The registered manager monitors the quality of care. They produce a monthly audit on the home, and there is clear management oversight on plans and incidents. Staff are encouraged to reflect both in supervision and in team meetings. Staff are offered time and space to discuss any significant incidents within the home. This makes staff feel listened to and appreciated.

Staff within the home receive regular supervision, and plans are in place for annual appraisals. Supervision allows staff to focus on the child's experiences and encourages learning and reflection. The training offered to staff is good, both through induction and development. The induction pathway allows staff to learn essential skills for working with children in care.

Any significant incident relating to the welfare and protection of the child is recorded, and there is management oversight. However, not all incidents that the registered manager has noted as serious have been sent to the appropriate authorities and regulator for review.

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 notify HMCI and each other relevant person without delay if— there is any other incident relating to a child which the registered person considers to be serious. (Regulation 40 (4)(e)) This particularly refers to the need to notify HMCI of any incidents that the registered person considers to be serious.	20 June 2025

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that records are kept detailing all individual incidents when children go missing from the home (regulation 36 (schedule 3(14))). This information should be shared with the placing authority and, where appropriate, with the child's parents. Evaluation of missing incidents should be undertaken to identify any gaps in training, skills or knowledge for staff or to record and retain evidence of what worked well. This evaluation should inform the review of the quality of care. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 46, paragraph 9.31)

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: 2808298

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered provider address: County Hall, Cross Street, Beverley HU17 9BA

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Registered manager: Carl Ward

Inspector

Lisa Richards, Social Care Inspector

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