

2811903

Registered provider: Kids Inc Residential Services Limited

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is registered to provide care for one child who may experience social and emotional difficulties or learning disabilities. At the time of the inspection, one child was living in the home. The child spoke to the inspector.

The manager registered with Ofsted in March 2025.

Inspection dates: 27 and 28 August 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 applicable

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

One child has moved into the home since it was registered. They have settled in quickly and were warmly welcomed by staff.

The child enjoys living in the home and has developed positive relationships with the staff. The child said, 'It's been good. The staff are lovely, and I love my bedroom. The home is fun, it's calm and enjoyable.'

The child has flourished since their arrival and made good progress from their starting point. They benefit from highly personalised and well-planned care that promotes their needs effectively.

The child lives a long way from their family. However, staff facilitate family time taking place safely, ensuring that the child sustains their close relationships with their family and loved ones. The child's parent said, 'The staff are very nice. My [name of child] is thriving.'

The child is currently home schooled and attends school in a virtual classroom. The child engages with their education every day and makes good progress with their learning. The social worker said, 'I am very happy. They have already started to find their own interests and they really engage in their education.'

Staff provide the child with a variety of enjoyable and stimulating activities to promote their interests and hobbies. The child loves visiting a scooter and skateboard park which is their favourite activity. They have also enjoyed trips to the zoo and theme parks.

Staff promote the child's good health and support them to attend their health appointments as and when needed. Staff are trained in the safe administration of medication. Medical consent is in place to ensure that staff understand the health responsibilities that are delegated to them.

Staff ensure that the child benefits from a physically safe, warm, comfortable and homely living environment which is maintained to a high standard. The child's bedroom is highly personalised, nicely decorated and pleasantly furnished. However, the rear garden is not a child friendly, or usable space and requires some remedial work.

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

Staff prioritise the child's safety effectively and have a clear understanding of their specific needs and known vulnerabilities. Staff follow the child's risk management plans to support and protect them from harm.

The manager ensures that the child's plans are updated on a regular basis. This ensures that staff have access to the most up to date information to care for the child safely.

There have been no safeguarding concerns and no significant incidents since the child moved into the home. Additionally, there have been no missing-from-home incidents, restraints, complaints or allegations.

Staff promote the child's positive behaviour. They consistently praise, reward, reinforce and acknowledge their positive behaviour. This has led to the child becoming more outgoing and socially confident. The social worker said, 'We have seen his passiveness diminish and I really couldn't be more pleased with his support.'

Staff employed to work with children are subject to robust recruitment and pre-employment checks. This ensures that children are protected from unsuitable individuals.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

The experienced registered manager demonstrates strong and effective leadership. The child benefits from living in a home that is managed efficiently and effectively.

A stable and consistent staff team are employed. This ensures that the child benefits from continuity of care and has consistency and stability in their life. The child's parent said, 'Its lovely. It's like home from home.'

The manager ensures that staff benefit from having regular team meetings and practice-related supervision sessions. These meetings allow staff to reflect on their practice and review their performance in promoting the child's positive progress and experiences.

The home is visited each month by an independent person who scrutinises the quality of care provided for the child. These monitoring activities help staff, leaders and managers to have a clear understanding of the services strengths and its weaknesses. This helps the manager to address any shortfalls quickly to secure continuing improvement.

The manager maintains good oversight of the care provided. They are currently in the process of completing a six-monthly quality-of-care review. The report includes stakeholder feedback and the manager's evaluation of the impact, that the care provided is having on the child's progress and experiences.

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

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that the home is maintained to the high standard for children. This relates specifically to the rear garden being developed to be a usable space for children. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards,' page 15, paragraph 3.9)

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: 2811903

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered manager: Sara Welsh

Inspector

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