

# 2821078

Registered provider: Evolve Residential Childrens Homes Limited

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 in January 2025. The manager was appointed in September 2025 and registered with Ofsted in February 2026.

At the time of the inspection, one child was living in this home. The inspector spoke to them during the inspection.

### Inspection date: 8 April 2026

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| <b>Overall experiences and progress of children and young people, taking into account</b> | <b>good</b> |
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| How well children and young people are helped and protected | outstanding |
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| The effectiveness of leaders and managers | outstanding |
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The children's home provides effective services that meet the requirements for good.

**Date of last inspection:** 22 July 2025

**Overall judgement at last inspection:** good

**Enforcement action since last inspection:** none

## Recent inspection history

| Inspection date | Inspection type | Inspection judgement |
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| 22/07/2025      | Full            | Good                 |

## Summary of findings

The child enjoys living in the home and has made progress. They enjoy many positive experiences. These have helped the child to improve their confidence, and social and emotional development.

Staff do an excellent job of keeping the child safe and supporting them. The child has had very few negative experiences as a result. They enjoy excellent relationships with staff. Staff work in close partnership with external professionals.

The manager is a strong leader and the child benefits from this. The manager promotes an aspirational culture to achieve the best for the child. Staff feel the manager supports them very well.

## Inspection judgements

### **Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good**

The child enjoys living in this home. It is a pleasant and comfortable environment that is well-maintained. There is a happy and relaxed atmosphere. The child enjoys laughing and joking with staff. The child benefits from a wide range of activities including swimming, playing guitar, and going to the gym.

The child has lived in the home for over a year. Staff have fostered a sense of stability and belonging for them. Staff know the child very well. They invest time in them and treat the child as an individual with dignity and respect. Staff advocate on behalf of the child to others.

Staff support the child to make continued progress. In some areas this progress is exceptional, such as improving the child's confidence and mental health. The manager advocated for the child to access more tuition to support their learning. The child also enjoys more sociable activities in the community.

Staff have ensured that the child maintains excellent physical and mental health. The child continues to attend weekly therapy provided by a commissioned service. They have developed greater coping mechanisms and are more open with staff. Staff celebrate the child's achievements and offer them lots of encouragement.

Staff are helping the child to develop a level of independence appropriate to their age. The manager has a plan in place to build this up over time. This aims to enhance the child's life chances.

### **How well children and young people are helped and protected: outstanding**

The child feels very safe in the home. Staff continue to manage very high levels of risk for the child in a safe way. They understand the child's needs and vulnerabilities very

well. Leaders support staff by providing detailed risk assessments and plans. Staff know to refer to these when planning for the child, such as how to carry out an activity in the community.

Staff have fostered exceptionally positive relationships with the child. The child has not had any significant incidents of concern for a prolonged period. They have not been missing from home or displayed any challenging behaviour. The child has not felt the need to self-harm. This is due to the quality and depth of relationships that the child enjoys with staff.

Staff work in partnership with external professionals to ensure the child's safety. They share information promptly and work with others to achieve positive outcomes. A professional said that staff 'go above and beyond', and another said that 'nothing ever goes amiss.' They added that staff are child-focused on everything that they do.

Staff help the child to develop social skills and to learn about the world in which they live. They talk to the child about sensitive topics such as sex and relationships in an age-appropriate and open way. They record these discussions in a way that is very helpful and positive for the child.

When the child raised an issue of concern, the responsible individual listened. The responsible individual took action to investigate in a timely way. They made sure that the child was not at risk of harm. Leaders viewed this as an opportunity for staff to learn and develop their practice.

### **The effectiveness of leaders and managers: outstanding**

An experienced and permanent registered manager leads the home. He is confident and ambitious in his vision for the child's future. The manager leads by example to his staff. They model best practice and get involved at all levels of the child's care. The manager promotes an ethos for the child that strives for the best possible care. They put this into practice as a strong advocate for the child. The manager promotes a culture of positivity and high aspiration within the home.

The manager has a critical understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of the home. They show a very good ability to reflect on their practice and those of others. The manager has plans to improve further. This includes embedding consistent and exceptional staff practice at all levels. The manager uses creative problem-solving to help to meet the child's needs.

Staff report that the manager supports them very well. The manager has improved staff's levels of teamwork and morale since his appointment. This has created strong working relationships among staff. As a result, the child has benefitted from a more consistent approach by staff.

The manager makes effective use of challenge to other agencies if they are not meeting the child's needs. The manager has achieved success as a result of this that benefits the child. This includes the child enjoying more time within the community.

There is strong and visible leadership in place at all levels. This includes the oversight of an experienced operations manager, alongside the responsible individual. The manager has a clear development plan for the home that senior leaders support.

## **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:** 2821078

**Provision sub-type:** Children's home

**Registered provider:** Evolve Residential Childrens Homes Limited

**Registered provider address:** Jer Lane Cricket Club, 81 Jer Lane, Bradford BD7 4NP

**Responsible individual:** Nighat Younas

**Registered manager:** Christopher Clough

## Inspector

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