

SC064472

Registered provider: Willows (Devon) Ltd

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is part of a small organisation and is registered to provide care for up to three children. The provider states in its statement of purpose that care is provided for children with social, emotional or behavioural difficulties.

The manager registered with Ofsted on 7 September 2021

Inspection date: 22 February 2022

Date of last inspection: 20 July 2021

Judgement at last inspection: requires improvement to be good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

This inspection

The effectiveness of the home and the progress and experiences of children and young people since the most recent full inspection

This home was judged requires improvement to be good at the last full inspection.

At this interim inspection, Ofsted judged that it has improved effectiveness.

Since the previous inspection, a child has moved into the home. This move was well planned and the needs of children already living at the home were fully considered.

Children thrive in this home. They make measurable progress in all areas. Children told the inspector that they love living in the home and would not want to live anywhere else.

Children attend school regularly and do well. Two children have taken exams recently, passing them with good grades. Children told the inspector that they enjoy school and want to get good results. The inspector arrived at the home before 9am when the children were on their way to school.

Carers provide children with lots of opportunities to engage in a variety of activities. Two children go horse riding. One is attending a cake decorating course. Another child enjoys swimming. Children are encouraged to live active lives and stay healthy.

Carers have created a warm and homely environment for children. Improvements continue to be made to create modern and fresh spaces for children. During the inspection, a bathroom was being completely refurbished to a high standard.

Leaders and managers have made significant changes to ensure that children move to the home with careful and considered planning. They seek information about children from many sources, ensuring that they have the most up-to-date and comprehensive information about children before they come to live in the home. The compatibility of children is fully considered to ensure that they are a good match with children already living in the home. Children only move to the home if the team can meet their needs effectively.

Carers support children to understand their behaviours and the emotions that underpin them. One child told the inspector: 'Speaking to staff helped me to understand why I was doing the things I did. Here, they help me to move on from a situation.'

The registered manager has met the recommendation made at the previous inspection. There are no recommendations or requirements resulting from this inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
20/07/2021	Full	Requires improvement to be good
04/03/2020	Full	Good
24/10/2018	Full	Good
20/11/2017	Full	Good

Information about this inspection

This inspection focused on the effectiveness of the home and the progress and experiences of children and young people since the most recent full 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: SC064472

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Willows (Devon) Ltd

Registered provider address: Stephen Quay Accountancy, The Granary, Hinton Business Park, Tarrant Hinton, Blandford Forum DT11 8JF

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Registered manager: Michelle Tickner

Inspector

Penelope Kutz, Social Care Inspector

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