

SC065789

Registered provider: Good Foundations 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 that provides care for up to three children who may experience social and emotional difficulties.

There were two children living at the time of the inspection. The inspector spoke to both children.

The registered manager post is vacant.

Inspection dates: 5 and 6 February 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: 25 September 2024

Overall judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
25/09/2024	Full	Good
05/04/2022	Full	Good
09/02/2022	Full	Requires improvement to be good
20/08/2019	Full	Good

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

Since the last inspection, three children have moved on from the home and three children have moved in. The home is decorated to a good standard, with comfortable furnishings and personalised touches throughout that reflect children's individual interests and identities.

Children attend school regularly. When a child's current education provision is no longer suitable, staff work with professionals to identify a more appropriate setting. Staff ensure that this is a planned transition, to minimise disruption to the child's learning and development.

Children are supported to remain in good health. They are registered with local health services and are supported to attend routine and specialist health appointments.

Children are encouraged to pursue their individual interests and participate in a range of activities in the home and community. They attend activities such as swimming and youth clubs, which promote their social development.

Children are supported to spend meaningful time with their family in line with their care plans. Family time arrangements are regularly reviewed with children's social workers, to ensure that they remain appropriate and safe. Staff work well with professionals to identify any associated risks and put measures in place to mitigate against these.

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

Staff have established positive relationships with children. They have a clear understanding of children's individual risks and vulnerabilities and are aware of their roles and responsibilities to protect them. Staff respond appropriately to safeguarding concerns and ensure children feel supported.

Children report that they are happy living in the home and can identify trusted adults that they can confide in if they are concerned. Feedback from a professional and a family member highlights the confidence they have in the staff team to safeguard children

Staff recruitment procedures ensure that only individuals who do not pose an obvious risk to children are employed in the home. Pre-employment checks are completed before staff begin work, to ensure that staff are suitable for the role.

Health and safety checks are completed regularly to ensure that the physical environment is safe for children. Safety plans ensure that children's individual risks are well known and that staff respond consistently when incidents occur. However, the current risk ratings do not always accurately reflect the level of risk for each child.

Allegations against staff are appropriately investigated to ensure that any practice and safeguarding issues are quickly addressed. However, some allegations have not been

shared with Ofsted. Failure to notify the regulator, limits their oversight of safeguarding practice and the providers management of allegations.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

The registered manager resigned from her position on the 30 January 2026. In the interim, the deputy manager is being supported by the responsible individual to lead and manage the home until a new manager has been appointed.

Staff have access to a comprehensive mandatory training programme and are supported to access training in response to children's specific care needs. This supports staff to perform their duties effectively and promotes positive outcomes for children.

Leaders and managers work effectively with external partners. A social worker for the children commended the team for their continuous commitment to meeting children's needs and prioritising their welfare.

Staff report that they feel supported in their roles and meet regularly with leaders and managers to discuss their practice. However, supervision records do not consistently demonstrate that staff are being encouraged to reflect on and learn from their practice.

There are systems in place to monitor the quality-of-care that children receive, including measures to ensure that children's records accurately reflect their support needs.

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, 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 an allegation of abuse against the home or a person working there. Regulation 40(4)(c)).	3 April 2026

Recommendations

- The registered person should ensure that as part of the review of children's risk assessments include consideration of whether risk rating reflects children's current behaviours. ('Guide to Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 42, paragraph 9.5)
- The registered person should ensure that staff take part in supervision that is reflective and supports their learning and development. ('Guide to the Children's Home Regulations, including the quality standards', page 61, paragraph 13.2)

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: SC065789

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Good Foundations Limited

Registered provider address: 6 Tower Quays, Tower Road, Birkenhead, Merseyside CH41 1BP

Responsible individual: Andrew Mannix

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Chibuzo Otache, Social Care Inspector

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