

SC065855

Registered provider: Cambian Childcare Ltd

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This is a home for three children who have experienced social, emotional and mental health difficulties.

The manager has been registered with Ofsted since November 2024.

Inspection date: 4 March 2025

Date of last inspection: 18 June 2024

Judgement at last inspection: requires improvement to be good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Information about this inspection

At this inspection, the inspector evaluated:

- the care of children
- the safety of children
- the effectiveness of leaders and managers.

The inspector has looked closely at the experiences and progress of children, using the social care common inspection framework. This assurance 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'.

Findings from the inspection

We did not identify any serious or widespread concerns in relation to the care or protection of children at this assurance inspection.

At the time of the inspection, three children were living in the home. One child spoke with the inspector. They told the inspector that they were happy in the home and had no concerns.

Staff support children to make progress with their education. Education providers are complimentary about communication with the home and work collaboratively to ensure that children remain engaged in their education. As a result, all children have increased their attendance since the last inspection.

Leaders and staff understand children's risks and presenting behaviours. Staff promptly responded to concerns raised about a child's online use. Leaders communicated with professionals to implement a risk management plan to ensure the child's safety when online. Due to the early intervention, there are safe arrangements for the use of the internet, and there have been no further concerns.

Children's social and health needs are managed well. Staff support young people to understand healthy relationships and consent. This work has been effective with children in developing better peer relationships outside of the home.

Leaders have provided effective care planning for children. Leaders have advocated for one young person to stay in the home longer than planned. This was to help them develop necessary skills to support their transition into semi-independent living. As a result, this decision has led to less disruption for the young person, and they have maintained positive relationships with carers.

Staff have positive relationships with children, which they use to promote positive behaviours. This has led to a low number of incidents in the home.

The environment is child focused and welcoming. Since the previous inspection, children's shared spaces have been improved with the addition of memory pictures, games around the home and work taking place in the garden space. Children's bedrooms are personalised to their own liking.

Staff are suitably trained in subjects relevant to the needs of the children living at the home. Staff have completed training on adverse childhood experiences, online safety and autism awareness. This provides staff with the knowledge and skills to support children's needs.

Staff enjoy working in the home. They are enthusiastic about supporting children to achieve positive outcomes. One staff member told the inspector, 'Things are going great. I feel very proud to be part of the home.'

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
18/06/2024	Full	Requires improvement to be good
18/07/2023	Full	Good
06/12/2022	Full	Good
08/03/2022	Interim	Improved effectiveness

Children's home details

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Inspector

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