

SC456417

Registered provider: Good Foundations Limited

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This privately run home provides care for up to 4 children who may have social or emotional difficulties and/or learning disabilities.

There is no registered manager in post. The post has been vacant since 1 September 2025.

Inspection dates: 11 and 12 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: 20 November 2024

Overall judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
20/11/2024	Full	Good
16/05/2023	Full	Good
06/09/2022	Full	Good
24/03/2022	Interim	Improved effectiveness

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

At the time of the inspection, there were 2 children living in the home. Four children had moved on to independence or supported living, and one child had moved to another home with the same provider.

Staff ensure that children's moves into the home are positive. Most moves into the home have been well planned. However, on one occasion leaders and managers did not obtain all required information for one child who moved into the home at short notice. This led to the child moving on from the home due to the team not being able to meet their needs alongside the needs of the other children in the home. The move on from the home for the child was positive and made with the wellbeing of the child and that of the other children in mind.

Staff provide children with a warm and homely environment. There has been some recent refurbishment in the home which the children have had input into. Children can choose how their bedrooms are decorated and are supported by the staff team to do this. There are photos of the children displayed throughout the home and soft furnishings, which add to the comfortable, clean environment.

Children are cared for by a stable, consistent staff team. Staff implement consistent rules and boundaries for the children and provide care that enables children to build safe and lasting relationships. Children who move on from the home maintain contact with the staff team, demonstrating the strong relationships that are developed.

Most children access education and are making good progress. For those who are not accessing formal education, there are plans in place for vocational education and eLearning, and the manager advocates for further formal education to be implemented.

The manager and staff team recognise the importance of the children maintaining good health. All children are in good health and accessing relevant health services. Medical advice is sought when required.

Support for children to develop their independence skills is a real strength of the home. The staff team has provided a high level of care and support to the children. Children who have moved on to independence or adult services have been given the best possible grounding for their futures.

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

Staff are knowledgeable about the children's risks and the strategies to use to keep children safe. There are individualised risk management plans in place for staff to follow

which include all identified risks for the children. As a result, managers and staff are confident in their approach to safeguarding children.

There have been no incidents of the children going missing from the since the last inspection. However, the registered manager has ensured there is a regularly reviewed protocol in place should they go missing. In addition, staff are aware of the actions they need to take if the children were to go missing from the home.

There has been one incident where a child was physically held by staff since the last inspection. Records reflect that this intervention was appropriate and proportionate. However, due to the provider not using physical restraint as a regular means of behaviour management, the member of staff involved had not received relevant training.

The manager has implemented clear behaviour management plans. These include strategies which the staff are confident in using. Staff have used de-escalation techniques effectively, such as distraction to manage incidents of escalating behaviour with one child. Additional members of staff have provided support and activities for a child who has been struggling to manage their emotions. There have been sessions completed with the other children living in the home about their experiences during incidents. This has made them feel heard and they demonstrate empathy towards the child who was struggling.

Children can identify members of staff whom they could speak to if they are concerned or worried. The children said that they feel listened to by the team when they raise concerns or issues within the home. They can talk about how staff support them to keep safe, including conducting regular checks on devices.

Staff complete regular training and are knowledgeable about the risks identified for the children. For example, the team has completed specific training around attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, self-harm and sexually harmful behaviours. As a result, staff have a good knowledge and skill base to identify risks and safeguard the children.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

There is no registered manager in post. There is an interim manager who has applied to register with Ofsted. The manager has high expectations and aspirations for all children. The manager worked well with the previous registered manager to ensure an effective transition.

Staff say that they feel supported by the managers in place. Professionals and children's family speak positively of the home, with the leadership team's communication and commitment being highlighted as a particular strength.

Leaders and managers are reflective of recent shortfalls in the care planning for one child and use this awareness to inform their practice going forward, specifically regarding

the need for careful planning for children moving into the home, and using more professional curiosity regarding behaviours in other settings, such as school.

There are clear care plans in place for children. The plans accurately reflect the children's needs and the plans of the local authority. The manager regularly reviews the care plans, and they include input from involved professionals. This results in the manager being able to evidence progress effectively.

Regular supervision is taking place for all staff. Supervision is used as a time for reflection and to review any training that staff have attended.

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

Statutory requirements

This section sets out the actions that the registered person(s) must take to meet the Care Standards Act 2000, The Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards'. The registered person(s) must comply within the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
The care planning standard is that children— receive effectively planned care in or through the children's home; and have a positive experience of arriving at or moving on from the home. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that children are admitted to the home only if their needs are within the range of needs of children for whom it is intended that the home is to provide care and accommodation, as set out in the home's statement of purpose. (Regulation 14 (1)(a)(b) (2)(a)) Specifically, the registered person must ensure that they acquire all relevant information about children moving into the home promptly to ensure that they can provide care that meets all of the children's needs.	26 March 2026

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

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Responsible individual: Andrew Mannix

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

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