

SC486165

Registered provider: Good Foundations Limited

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is privately owned. It is registered to provide care for up to 4 children who may experience social and emotional difficulties and/or learning difficulties.

At the time of this inspection, there was one child living at the home.

The manager has applied to be registered with Ofsted.

Inspection dates: 12 and 13 May 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: 21 January 2026

Overall judgement at last inspection: inadequate

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
21/01/2026	Full	Inadequate
11/12/2024	Full	Outstanding
23/01/2024	Full	Good
02/03/2023	Full	Outstanding

Summary of findings

Staff support the child to make progress from their starting point, particularly with emotional regulation. Staff know the child well and work hard to keep them safe. They promote the child's education, health and wellbeing, whilst also providing fun experiences. There is effective leadership and management in place.

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

Staff provide nurturing care and have developed strong, positive relationships with the child. They support the child with play, bedtime stories and their evening routine to help settle them to bed. The child says that they like living at the home.

Staff promote the child's learning. While the child has been out of education, staff have provided support through home learning and educational activities. Staff are actively involved in the planning for the child's educational progress and working with wider agencies to support this.

The child's health needs are being met. Staff promote a healthy lifestyle for the child and support them to attend health appointments. They are creative in encouraging the child to engage in physical exercise and try new foods. Staff have important conversations with the child about personal care and help them to understand the importance of this.

Staff support and encourage lots of new experiences for the child. For example, the child has travelled on a bus for the first time and had their first horse riding lesson. Staff celebrate special occasions with the child, helping to create positive memories which are recorded in photos and the child's records.

Staff support the child to maintain important family relationships. They advocate for the child to spend quality time with their family which is meaningful and safe.

The home is decorated and maintained to a high standard. It reflects the child's needs and interests and is a welcoming and homely environment.

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

There has been a clear reduction in risks and incidents for the child since living at the home. Staff have created a positive environment to support the child's emotional regulation and wellbeing. They have created safe spaces for the child to go to when they are feeling anxious or upset and staff use visual aids to help the child express themselves.

Staff provide calm and consistent responses to the child. They know the child well and understand how best to support them. They help the child to recognise and understand

their emotions, and they reflect on difficulties together and guide them towards alternative coping strategies. This supports the child to express their feelings in a safe way and helps prevent incidents escalating.

Staff focus on recognising and reinforcing positive behaviour, regularly offering praise and reward. The child is involved in the reward process, which helps promote engagement.

There are clear risk assessments in place which are detailed and specific to the child. They are regularly reviewed and updated to ensure that they are reflective of the child's circumstances which helps staff keep them safe.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

The manager has remained in post since the last inspection and applied to be registered with Ofsted. She is a caring and child-focussed manager who has a fantastic relationship with the child and a good understanding of their needs.

There is good management oversight of staff practice. The manager evaluates the child's progress and ensures that the records reflect this in a way that the child understands. For example, creating cartoon story boards for the child to recognise their achievements. This helps promote the child's confidence and self-esteem.

There is a stable staff team in place who can meet the child's individual needs. Staff speak positively about working at the home and the support they receive from leaders and managers. One member of staff said the team feels like a family.

Staff are provided with regular supervision which is good quality. Staff are provided with opportunities to discuss the child's needs, safeguarding and their own wellbeing. Staff are regularly provided with positive praise and feedback to support their learning and development.

The manager supports staff development in areas relevant to the child through meaningful learning activities. For example, staff have read and reflected on emotional dysregulation for children. These exercises help to develop staff knowledge and practice.

Leaders and managers develop positive working relationships with external professionals involved with the child. Professionals say that there is good communication with staff and they advocate for what is in the child's best interests.

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: SC486165

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

Hayley Smith, Social Care Regulatory Inspector

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