

1280371

Registered provider: Time-Out Childrens Homes Limited

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is owned by a private company and is registered to provide care for two children who may have emotional and social difficulties.

The provider has appointed a manager, but they are not yet registered with Ofsted.

Inspection dates 2 and 3 of March 2023

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people, taking into account **good**

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

The effectiveness of leaders and managers **good**

The children's home provides effective services that meet the requirements for good.

Date of last inspection: 1 February 2022

Overall judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
01/02/2022	Full	Good
03/03/2020	Full	Good
21/11/2019	Interim	Improved effectiveness
26/02/2019	Full	Good

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

This home is registered for two children. After some challenges with the children's relationship, one of the children has recently moved out and there is currently one child living at the home. Staff have supported the children to continue to see each other, and this contact has been positive. This is important because it has enabled the children to repair their relationship with each other.

The home is comfortable and well-furnished and feels like a family home. Children have highly individualised bedrooms and a well-equipped 'chill out' room to watch films and play games in. Children feel a sense of belonging here.

Staff promote positive contact with family members and friends. Children welcome friends into their home. Children see their family and people who are important to them regularly.

Children engage with education and have 100% attendance. A member of school staff said, 'The staff communicate well and keep in touch. They support [the child] with homework and attend parents' evenings.' Staff work collaboratively with external professionals in the best interest of the children.

Care for the children is highly individual. There are lots of fun and educational activities tailored to the children's interests which broaden the children's life experiences. Children have fun.

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

There are no episodes of children going missing from home and a there has been significant reduction in self harm. This demonstrates that children are becoming safer while living at the home.

Staff are vigilant about internet safety, and there are measures in place that allow children to participate in gaming and online activities and remain safe

Staff work together with external agencies, such as local authority health and education services, to ensure that children are healthy and safe.

Staff communicate well, which leads to clear and consistent boundaries for children. Some of the consequences used for minor negative behaviours are repetitive, which may lead to them becoming ineffective.

Risk assessments cover children's risks. However, some risks that are no longer appropriate remain on the plans for a long time. Risk assessments should focus on the current risks that are relevant to the child.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

The acting manager is new to the role and is not yet registered with Ofsted. He is passionate about the welfare of the children and is working hard to ensure that the children are cared for well. He is aware of the home's strengths and weaknesses. He is clear about the progress of the children.

Staff say that they feel supported, that the manager is approachable and that they have regular supervision. It is important that staff can reflect on their work with the children.

The company offers excellent support through its therapeutic department. A therapeutic practitioner attends the home's team meeting each month and gives the staff the opportunity to discuss new ideas and reflect on the very best ways to care for the children.

Staff attend training regularly, and a variety of training opportunities are offered. The company ensures that all staff are up to date with mandatory training and that they can study for the relevant qualification. Managers will source bespoke training to ensure that staff can meet the needs of the children when this is needed.

On one occasion, when it was necessary for a child to be physically held, the manager had not recorded a debrief session with the staff members involved. However, records of other debrief sessions are very short and do not demonstrate that staff have the opportunity to discuss these incidents in detail. This also hinders the manager applying some analysis to be assured that holds were necessary, and that work can be done to reduce further incidents.

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

- The registered person should ensure that children's boundaries and behaviour management are communicated to children in a positive way. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 15, paragraph 3.7)
- The registered person should ensure that risk assessments are kept up to date and contain relevant information about risks to the child ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 41, paragraph 9.5)
- The registered person should ensure that when children require a physical hold, staff and children have access to a full debrief with a manager or senior staff member. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 45, paragraph 9.36)

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: 1280371

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Time-Out Childrens Homes Limited

Registered provider address: Unit 2, Ripponden Mill, Mill Fold, Ripponden, Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire HX6 4DH

Responsible individual: Janet Lumb

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Cathy Wilkins, Social Care Inspector

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