

1156103

Registered provider: Cambian Childcare Ltd

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is owned by a private company. The home provides residential care for up to five children with social and emotional difficulties.

Inspection date: 30 March 2023

Date of last inspection: 11 October 2022

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.

Inspectors have 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.

The care of children

At the time of the inspection, there were no children living in the home. The inspector considered the experiences of one child who left the home on 19 October 2022.

One child left the home shortly after the last full inspection. Managers had made the difficult decision to temporarily stop operating this children's home until they can recruit adequate staffing. There was a clear plan for the child to move out of the home. The child was involved in the process, and their views were regularly secured. This contributed to a well-planned and positive transition.

The home is a large house with lots of space for children to be together or on their own. The home is currently undergoing some refurbishment work in preparation for its reopening in the future.

The safety of children

No significant concerns have occurred regarding children's safety since the last full inspection, and no children are currently living in the home; therefore, the inspector has not been able to consider how well children have been kept safe during this inspection.

The registered manager has been working on improvements to risk management planning while the home is not operating. This will ensure staff are well prepared to understand and manage children's needs when the home reopens in the future.

The manager has developed relationships with local safeguarding agencies to develop greater knowledge of the local area. This proactive approach will ensure that potential risks posed to children will be appropriately assessed prior to moving into the home.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers

The registered manager is suitably qualified and experienced to manage a children's home and has been registered with Ofsted since 24 November 2022.

The manager is currently overseeing the refurbishment of the home and is focused on recruiting staff before moving children into the home. The responsible individual is supporting the manager and is committed to appointing a suitably qualified staff team.

Leaders and managers have taken effective action to meet the requirements and recommendations from the last inspection.

During the period the home has remained closed, leaders and managers have made improvements to internal monitoring systems. New monthly monitoring systems have been created that focus on improving the progress and experiences of children.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
11/10/2022	Full	Requires improvement to be good
22/03/2022	Full	Good
31/07/2019	Full	Good
11/07/2018	Full	Good

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 1156103

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Responsible individual: Kira Arlett

Registered manager: Ana Willis

Inspector

Carl Wilton, Social Care Inspector

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