

2509892

Registered provider: Park Blue Homes Limited

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is privately operated. It provides care for up to 4 children who may have learning disabilities and experience social and emotional difficulties.

The manager registered with Ofsted in October 2023.

Four children were living at the home at the time of the inspection. The inspector spoke with and observed interactions with all the children during the inspection.

Inspection dates: 7 and 8 January 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	outstanding
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The children's home provides effective services that meet the requirements for good.

Date of last inspection: 27 January 2025

Overall judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
27/01/2025	Full	Good
20/11/2023	Full	Good
05/09/2022	Full	Requires improvement to be good
14/12/2021	Interim	Sustained effectiveness

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

Children have trusting and positive relationships with staff. Some children have lived at the home for a long time. Staff understand the children's complex health needs and are skilled at understanding their different communication methods. Professional feedback highlights that staff communication skills is a key strength in the home.

Children's moves to the home are well planned and focused on their needs and understanding. Staff work quickly to promote clear routines and boundaries for children. This helps children to settle and have positive beginnings to living at the home and they make progress as a result.

Staff support children to have a broad range of positive experiences. Children are encouraged by staff to develop new interests and learn new skills. Some children have had their first holiday abroad with staff. One professional said, 'I never thought that [Name of child] would try anything new but the staff are so good at promoting new activities.'

Children's health needs are well understood, and staff support them to maintain good physical and emotional health. When children have developing health needs, staff are persistent with medical professionals to ensure that children get the right treatments.

Recent home improvements to the interior and garden are focused on increasing opportunities for children. Children enjoy spending time in the newly improved areas, and this has enhanced their experience of living at the home.

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

Safeguarding arrangements are effective. Staff understand children's individual vulnerabilities and how to keep them safe. Where risks escalate, staff work with relevant professionals to discuss and develop strategies to increase children's safety.

Children's risk assessments and behaviour support plans are clearly written and reviewed regularly. Staff frequently discuss safeguarding strategies as a team to maintain a consistent approach and care for children safely.

Children are helped to understand their worries and communicate these to staff and adults who they trust. Children have an increased ability to identify and manage their own emotions and children feel their views are valued.

Staff use physical intervention as a last resort to keep children safe. When this is judged to be necessary, records clearly state what was done to avoid their use. Children and staff are spoken with after the incident and appropriate action is taken to repair relationships when this is needed. Management oversight clearly records reflection and

lessons learned. This helps staff to develop effective de-escalation strategies to help children in crisis.

Not all medication records are completed as they should be. Although this has not affected children. Record keeping needs attention to ensure that there are accurate medication administration tasks being completed.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: outstanding

The manager is enthusiastic about improving and maximising outcomes for children. She is inspirational to staff and provides a high degree of visible support and positive challenge for the team. Staff say they are confident in the support and leadership that the manager brings.

The manager has an excellent understanding of the strengths of the team and areas she would like to develop. Thorough monitoring systems give her a clear overview of the performance of staff and the progress of children. This assists her to identify and implement improvements in a timely and effective manner.

The ethos in the home is positive, embraced by all staff and focused on the children that live there. The manager is ambitious for what children can achieve and has high expectations of the staff to meet these ambitions. The manager said, 'The children are the lifeblood running through this home.'

The manager has an extensive knowledge of the complex development and health needs of the children. The manager engages with medical professionals and communities to improve her understanding of these needs. The manager is committed to providing staff with specific training to help them meet children's needs effectively.

When the manager identifies shortfalls in responses from professionals or staff practice, she acts in a timely manner to escalate and address any concerns. The manager is collaborative with professionals and focused on working together to enhance the lives of children. Professionals speak highly of the supportive approach of the manager and staff. Professionals highly value the excellent communication. One social worker said, 'Communication is brilliant. I have weekly notes on a Friday, and updates about everything.'

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

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that they make suitable arrangements to manage medications. This specifically relates to ensuring that records accurately reflect necessary medication stock checks. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 35, paragraph 7.15)

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: 2509892

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Responsible individual: Mark Wade

Registered manager: Michelle Limond

Inspector

Mark Cryer, Social Care Inspector

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