

2548794

Registered provider: SEVA CHILDCARE LTD

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This is a privately owned children's home. This home provides care for up to five children with learning disabilities.

The home registered with Ofsted in 2020. The manager registered in October 2024.

At the time of this inspection, five children were living at the home.

Inspection date: 3 March 2026

Date of last inspection: 8 April 2025

Judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: not applicable

Information about this inspection

At these inspections, 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

This assurance visit was undertaken following Ofsted being notified of serious allegations made against staff and managers at the home. During this assurance inspection, we did not identify any serious or widespread concerns relating to the care or protection of children.

Leaders and managers work closely with safeguarding professionals, including the local authority designated officer (LADO), when there are safeguarding allegations. However, records do not always fully reflect meeting discussions or outcomes.

Staff have a strong understanding about safeguarding procedures. They know that they can contact Ofsted or the LADO directly if they have safeguarding concerns.

Children are comfortable in the home and are supported by staff who provide them with warmth and care. Staff enjoy celebrating the children. During the visit, it was a child's birthday; staff organised a birthday party and bought gifts for the child.

Staff use visual aids to help children share their wishes and feelings. Regular children's meetings encourage the children to communicate their worries and express what they would like to do during the week. Children enjoy a range of activities, including trampolining, swimming, horse riding and bowling.

Staff support children to develop their daily living skills. Each child is assigned a household chore; this gives them a sense of responsibility and ownership. One social worker appreciates that staff support a child to participate in all aspects of their daily life.

The home is a welcoming place that is safe for the children. Children's bedrooms are decorated according to their likes and interests. Children also have separate sensory areas in their rooms to help them soothe and feel relaxed.

Children in the home have complex needs, and staff work with their professional networks to ensure that the children are safe. A child's social worker says that staff have a strong understanding of the child's needs and consistently meet these to a high standard.

Staff provide consistent supervision and use age-appropriate conversations to help children build their understanding, develop positive behaviours, and make safe choices.

Staff provide empathetic support for children during challenging situations. Physical interventions are used only as a proportionate last resort.

Staff enjoy working in the home; one member of staff describes the home as a 'positive environment'. Staff appreciate the support they receive from the registered manager.

The recommendations raised at the last inspection were outside the scope of this visit and were not considered.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
08/04/2025	Full	Good
14/10/2024	Full	Inadequate
10/07/2024	Full	Inadequate
15/05/2023	Full	Good

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

Recommendations

- The registered person should ensure that children's care records are accurate and are recorded in a way that will be helpful to the child. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 62, paragraph 14.4)
- The registered person should ensure that they maintain good employment practice, as set out in regulations 31 to 33. This includes ensuring that gaps in staff employment history are checked during the recruitment process. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 61, paragraph 13.1)
- The registered person should ensure that they support staff development by reviewing actions agreed in supervision in a timely and meaningful way. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 61, paragraph 13.3)
- The registered person should ensure that when there is a complaint or an allegation against staff that the records reflect all discussions and meetings that take place. The registered person should also ensure that they request any updates from the local authority designated officer in a timely way. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 44, paragraph 9.19)

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2548794

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Responsible individual: Mahesh Kotecha

Registered manager: Sai Guttikonda

Inspector

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