

2575463

Registered provider: First 4 Care Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is owned and run by a private provider. It provides care for up to two children with learning disabilities.

At the time of the inspection, two children were living in the home. The inspector spoke with both children.

The registered manager post is vacant. There is an interim manager in place who intends to register with Ofsted.

Inspection date: 10 November 2025

Date of last inspection: 28 July 2025

Judgement at last inspection: outstanding

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.

The inspector has 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 inspection was carried out to address specific concerns received by Ofsted.

We did not identify any serious or widespread concerns in relation to the care or protection of children at this assurance inspection.

Children enjoy positive and trusting relationships with staff in the home. Children seek comfort, guidance and reassurance from staff. These positive relationships help children to trust staff and deal with changes to their routines.

Staff understand and support children's individual health and communication needs and follow their detailed plans and protocols. Managers ensure that children's health plans are kept under review by health professionals, and this helps the children to remain in good health.

Staff have recently supported children to take part in new activities in their local community. Children have enjoyed these opportunities, which enhance their experiences.

Each child has detailed plans that tell staff how to help keep them safe from risks that they may face. These plans are updated regularly and after any incidents. Managers ensure that learning is taken from any incidents and that plans reflect this learning. Staff understand and usually implement children's plans. Managers address any shortfalls if staff do not follow them. This minimises risk to the children.

Staff rarely use physical interventions. However, they may at times guide children away from danger to keep them safe. The new manager identified that this is happening and ensures that staff record these incidents for transparency.

The manager reflects with staff after incidents and offers support and challenge to them. The new manager has the knowledge and skills to support staff to develop in their roles and improve ways of working with the children.

The manager investigates any concerns relating to staff practice without delay. The conclusion of these investigations is then shared appropriately in line with their safeguarding procedures.

The manager ensures that there are sufficient staffing levels to meet children's needs at all times. The manager also ensures that staff have appropriate skills to meet the needs of the children.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
28/07/2025	Full	Outstanding
05/02/2025	Full	Outstanding
11/10/2023	Full	Outstanding
24/01/2023	Full	Good

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2575463

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: First 4 Care Limited

Registered provider address: 16 St Wilfrid's Road, Doncaster DN4 6AA

Responsible individual: Frances Russell

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Carol Jagger, Social Care Inspector

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