

2620184

Registered provider: Blossom Care Group Ltd

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is operated by a private organisation. The home provides care for up to 3 children who experience social and emotional difficulties.

At the time of this inspection, 3 children were living in the home. Two children were spoken with and shared their experiences with the inspector.

The manager registered with Ofsted in January 2025 and is suitably qualified to lead the home.

Inspection dates: 6 and 7 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	good
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The children's home provides effective services that meet the requirements for good.

Date of last inspection: 28 January 2025

Overall judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
28/01/2025	Full	Good
20/02/2024	Full	Good
20/03/2023	Full	Good
17/01/2022	Full	Good

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

Since the last inspection, 2 children have moved out of the home, and 2 children have moved in. These transitions were planned and positive. When there was an unexpected change in the plan for one child living at the home, the manager advocated for them to remain, based on their wishes and best interests. As a result, the child remains settled and has been able to build positive relationships with adults.

The home provides a warm and welcoming environment. Photos of children and staff enjoying activities together are displayed in communal areas. Children's bedrooms are personalised, and children are supported to redecorate their rooms. Each room reflects their individual identities and interests.

Staff know the children well and offer individualised support. They create an open and accepting environment where children can be themselves. Children's interests are encouraged, and achievements are celebrated.

Children are supported to develop independence skills appropriate for their age and stage of development. Their views are incorporated into independence planning, which is tailored to their needs and starting points. Two children shared with the inspector that their confidence has increased, and they feel they have developed useful life skills to prepare them for adulthood.

Education is promoted. The manager takes proactive steps to address any difficulties with attendance and maintains good communication with external professionals to support children's educational progress.

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

Children's risks are well understood and reviewed regularly. Plans are thorough and updated following incidents to reflect newly identified needs. As a result, staff have a clear understanding of the risks associated with children misusing drugs, vaping or being exploited online. Staff are confident in supporting children with their mental health, and this is reflected in a reduction in incidents at the home.

Staff are motivated to support children to understand risk and keep themselves safe. They have meaningful, individualised conversations with children about issues relevant to them. Two children told the inspector that they feel safe in the home and know there are adults they can speak to if needed.

There is a proactive approach to safeguarding. Educational resources are available to staff and children, and these are used regularly in discussions. There is effective liaison with external professionals to ensure that additional support is in place when required.

There has been no use of physical restraint since the last inspection. Staff support children to manage their behaviour and emotions safely. They adapt their approach to meet each child's individual needs. Children are treated with dignity and respect and are encouraged to find positive ways to cope with difficult emotions.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

Leaders and managers understand the home's strengths and areas for development well. The manager is enthusiastic about staff development and has high aspirations for her team. Staff enjoy working in the home and feel well supported in their practice.

The manager has high expectations for the children and promotes this consistently across the team. She is focused on ensuring that children have positive experiences and are prepared for their future. This is evident in the strong relationships that children have with the manager and staff.

The manager leads by example with an emphasis on what is best for the children, always taking their wishes and views into account. The introduction of child feedback forms, completed before team meetings, ensures that children's views are central to team discussions. The manager responds to these directly with clear actions. As a result, children feel listened to and know their views matter.

The manager maintains good working relationships with partner agencies. Professional feedback highlighted excellent communication and a good understanding of each child as strengths of the home. This contributes to children making good progress and receiving consistent approaches across settings.

No requirements or recommendations were raised at this inspection.

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 Home's (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the Children's Home's Regulations, including the quality standards'.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2620184

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Inspector

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