

2623791

Registered provider: SBL Careservices (UK) Limited

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This service is owned and managed by a private provider. The home provides care and support for one child.

Inspection date: 16 March 2022

Date of last inspection: 21 July 2021

Judgement at last inspection: requires improvement to be good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

This inspection

The effectiveness of the home and the progress and experiences of children and young people since the most recent full inspection

This home was judged requires improvement to be good at the last full inspection. At the interim inspection, Ofsted judges that it has improved effectiveness.

Since the last inspection, one child has moved out of the home. The transition plan was detailed, and staff supported the child to move in a planned way. He continues to keep in touch with staff, with whom he had built positive relationships.

A child who is living in the home has made progress. Prior to the child moving to the home, a detailed assessment was compiled that considered his needs, the location of the home and the skill base of the staff team.

The child receives care and encouragement from a motivated, enthusiastic staff team and manager who have a child-centred approach. Staff are skilled in developing and building positive relationships with each child. These relationships enable specific, targeted work to start swiftly.

The registered manager and staff work well with social workers, education colleagues and health professionals to ensure that children make good progress and experience positive opportunities at this home. The registered manager and staff understand each child's needs and advocate well to ensure that they receive the services they require. Staff use regular key-work sessions as opportunities to address important issues for each child, such as staying safe online, smoking and the importance of education and learning.

When a child has gone missing from the home, staff have taken appropriate action to locate the child. They have liaised with all relevant professionals to ensure the child's safe return. When a child returned home and appeared under the influence of unknown substances, immediate action was taken to request medical intervention. Following the incident, direct work was completed with the child to develop his understanding of the risks he had placed himself while in the community.

The home environment is warm and nurturing and is maintained to a high standard. Children are proud of their home environment and their personalised bedrooms. Children are provided with opportunities to talk about their home, the care that they receive and any changes that can be made to support their development. This is supporting each child's progress and experiences.

The registered manager has used the home's monitoring and reviewing processes to ensure that records are up to date, used in a consistent way and accurately reflect risk. The quality of records and the oversight of managers has significantly improved. Risk assessments, placement plans, day-to-day care plans and key-

working records are detailed and clearly identify the risks for each child and their progress and experiences.

Training has been completed with all staff to improve their knowledge and skills. Supervision and team meetings are used as an opportunity to review the training provided, and to share as a team the learning taken from training.

The majority of requirements made at the last inspection have been suitably addressed. However, further work is required to ensure that documents are signed and dated by the author. This requirement is repeated.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
21/07/2021	Full	Requires improvement to be good

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

Statutory requirements

This section sets out the actions that the registered person(s) must take to meet the Care Standards Act 2000, Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards'. The registered person(s) must comply within the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
The registered person must maintain records ('case records') for each child which— include the information and documents listed in Schedule 3 in relation to each child; are kept up to date; and are signed and dated by the author of each entry. (Regulation 36 (1)(a)(b)(c))	30 April 2022

Information about this inspection

This inspection focused on the effectiveness of the home and the progress and experiences of children and young people since the most recent full 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: 2623791

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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