

2675155

Registered provider: SEVA CHILDCARE LTD

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This privately owned home provides care for up to 5 children who may have learning disabilities or experience social and emotional difficulties.

The home registered with Ofsted in July 2022. The manager registered in September 2024.

There were 3 children living in the home at the time of the inspection.

Inspection date: 5 March 2026

Date of last inspection: 24 September 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.

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 as a result of Ofsted being notified of serious allegations made against staff and managers at the home. We did not identify any serious or widespread concerns in relation to the care or protection of children at this assurance inspection.

Leaders and managers understand the importance of working with the children's professional network so that there are joint efforts to keep them safe. When there are safeguarding allegations, the manager promptly notifies the local authority designated officer (LADO) and attends any follow up meetings. The manager also has reflective discussions with staff so that there is a shared sense of learning from situations.

Staff understand safeguarding procedures. They know that they can contact Ofsted or the LADO directly if they have any safeguarding concerns.

Children rarely go missing from the home. When this does happen, staff follow the home's protocol and ensure that the child returns to the home safely. When incidents happen, staff support the children to understand why there are worries about them. On one occasion, the police were called to manage an incident; this was proportionate to ensure the safety of the child and the staff.

Despite the positive practice, leaders and managers acknowledge that a child's risk assessment and care plan need updating so that they include up to date information about the level of supervision required for the child.

Leaders and managers now have suitable oversight of children's medication to avoid there being any further medication errors. When there has been an error, leaders ensure that the staff responsible are retrained to ensure that they have up to date knowledge and understanding of safe medication procedures.

Children are comfortable around the staff and staff make time for the children. For example, during the visit, one member of staff took a child to play football in the local park after school.

Staff have regular discussions with the children to encourage them to speak about what is on their mind. This helps the children to feel comfortable around the staff and develop relationships with them. Discussions are often about worries that children have, their experiences at school and any concerns that professionals have about children's safety.

Children's bedrooms are spacious and personalised according to their interests. Leaders and managers acknowledge that the physical environment of the home needs updating. A child's bathroom is not clean and some cupboards in the lounge area are disorganised.

Leaders and managers ensure that there are enough staff to work with the children. They also encourage staff to progress in their role. For example, some staff are completing leadership training. One member of staff noted their appreciation that leaders are invested in their progression.

All staff have the relevant training to support them to care for the children in the home. Staff are trained in areas such as trauma and de-escalation.

Staff report that the managers are supportive and approachable. One member of staff describes the home as a 'family'. Feedback from external professionals and parents is largely positive. One child's mother said that she appreciates the 'dedication and professionalism' of staff. Another child's therapist commended the staff for prioritising the child's care and wellbeing.

The recommendation made at the last inspection regarding employment practice is outside the scope of this visit. This will be reviewed at the next inspection

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
24/09/2025	Full	Outstanding
23/07/2024	Full	Good
05/12/2023	Full	Requires improvement to be good
14/02/2023	Full	Good

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

Recommendations

- The registered person should ensure that they maintain good employment practice, as set out in regulations 31 to 33. This includes exploring full employment history, ensuring that references are requested from the most recent employers, and that there is evidence of who managers spoke to and when references were verified. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 61, paragraph 13.1)
- The registered person should ensure that children's records are always kept up to date and reflect their current circumstances. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 62, paragraph 14.3)
- The registered person should ensure that the environment is homely and that all aspects of the home are safe for the children. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 15, paragraph 3.9)

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2675155

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Inspector

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