

2675155

Registered provider: Seva Childcare Ltd

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is registered to provide care for up to four children with learning disabilities.

The home registered with Ofsted in July 2022.

The home has not had a registered manager since May 2023. There were two children living at the home at the time of the inspection.

Inspection date: 6 March 2024

Date of last inspection: 5 December 2023

Judgement at last inspection: requires improvement to be good

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

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

The quality of care provided to children has supported them to make measurable progress from their individual starting points since living in the home. Children now attend school on a regular basis, take their medication, and have learned new skills such as being able to swim, cook and clean. One child no longer goes missing.

Children have comprehensive individual plans that reflect their needs and realistic goals. Children's interests are actively pursued by staff, so children have opportunities to participate and engage in a range of activities outside of the home. Staff attend children's reviews and share information about their progress to inform their care plans.

Children have developed trusting and meaningful relationships with managers and staff. This has been achieved through staff providing consistent routines and boundaries. This helps children to share their concerns and worries. As a result, they feel listened to, cared for and more settled. Children receive certificates for achieving their goals, no matter how small. This is helping to develop the children's confidence and self-esteem.

Children's weekly meetings and individualised key-work sessions provide opportunities for children to influence their plans and decisions about their care. This includes meals, activities and their preferred summer holiday destination. Children use this time to also share their wishes and feelings about matters that are important to them.

Family time is supported and facilitated by the staff to promote this time in a safe environment. This ensures that children have opportunities to see people that are important to them.

The home has a calm, welcoming and homely environment. It is furnished with the children's own artwork and maintained to a high standard.

Children receive effective help and support from staff who understand their vulnerabilities and needs. Children have individualised risk assessments that are updated to reflect any emerging risks and needs.

Children have individual positive behaviour management plans that clearly record their vulnerabilities and the potential impact of these on their behaviour. Staff understand children's triggers and work effectively to reduce behaviours through effective and appropriate de-escalation strategies.

All staff are trained in restraint techniques. These measures are only considered to be used to protect the child and others from harm.

Staff understand child protection procedures and know who they need to speak with should they have concerns.

Leaders and managers have made good progress in addressing the shortfalls identified following the full inspection in 2023. They have listened to feedback and responded effectively to the requirements that were made at the time. The deputy manager is aspirational for children living in the home and works closely with local authorities and other key stakeholders to ensure that children's needs are met. This includes advocating on behalf of children when required. Despite this progress, there is still no registered manager in post to lead the care of children.

Children's records have improved significantly since the last inspection. The deputy manager has introduced a new recording system so that accurate and up-to-date information about children can be stored electronically.

Recruitment procedures have improved since the last inspection and are now in line with safe recruitment processes.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
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?

Statutory requirements

This section sets out the actions that the registered person(s) must take to meet the Care Standards Act 2000, The 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 provider must appoint a person to manage the children's home if— there is no registered manager in respect of the home; and the registered provider— is an organisation or a partnership. does not satisfy regulation 28; or is not, or does not intend to be, in day-to-day charge of the home. If the registered provider appoints a person to manage the home, the registered provider must, without delay, give HMCI notice of— the name of the person so appointed; and the date on which the appointment takes effect. (Regulation 27 (1)(a)(b)(i)(ii)(iii) (2)(a)(b))	22 April 2024

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2675155

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Seva Childcare Ltd

Registered provider address: 71-75 Shelton Street, London WC2H 9JQ

Responsible individual: Mahesh Kotecha

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Nicki Shaw, Social Care Inspector

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