

2675155

Registered provider: SEVA CHILDCARE LTD

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home provides care for up to four children with learning disabilities and emotional and behavioural difficulties.

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

There were four children living at the home at the time of the inspection.

During this inspection, three children were seen, and two of those children were spoken to by the inspector.

Inspection date: 26 November 2024

Date of last inspection: 23 July 2024

Judgement at last inspection: 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

This visit 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 continue to develop trusting and meaningful relationships with the staff and managers who care for them. Children receive individualised care from staff and managers who provide consistency in routines and boundaries. As a result, children settle and continue to make good progress from their starting points.

All the children living in the home are in education and continuing to do well. One child was praised by the manager for achieving an excellent grade in one of their subject tests on returning from school. All children's achievements, however small are celebrated and certificates are given. Children's health needs are understood by managers and staff and attended to effectively.

Children continue to have opportunities to engage in activities of interest to them or where they show a particular talent. One child is about to start horse riding lessons. Children attend music classes, performing arts classes, as well as engaging in traditional events such as Halloween and bonfire night.

Children have opportunities to express their views and influence what happens to them on a day-to-day basis. Children's meetings occur weekly where staff listen to children's views and opinions regarding the running of the home, the activities they would like to do and the choosing of weekly menus.

The home is warm and welcoming, feeling and looking like a family home. Children's artwork and photos are visible throughout the home. Managers and staff have worked hard to create a calm environment, where children feel comfortable, can express their feelings openly, and develop positive relationships with those they live with.

Children's safety is promoted and their wellbeing safeguarding by staff and managers. Managers and staff understand the vulnerabilities of the children living in the home. Safety plans for children explain clearly how staff should respond to risks identified for children to reduce the likelihood of harm. Children can talk about worries or concerns they may have to staff and managers. Consequently, children rarely go missing, incidents within the home and in the community are rare and restraint is not a feature of this home.

Staff have conversations with children in formal one-to-one sessions, or informally, to help them understand when they may be placing themselves at risk of harm. Staff talk to children for example about safer relationships, bullying and online safety. These discussions are recorded on children's files.

Managers and staff respond promptly when children's may be at risk of harm. Managers and staff work effectively with the responsible authority, police and parents, to ensure that there is a clear action plan for keeping children safe.

Managers ensure that there is accurate recording of incidents and provide evaluations of actions taken. This ensures that staff continue to follow agreed procedures and benefit from any learning from the incidents.

Leaders and managers continue to identify areas for improvement within the home and in the care provided to children. One area identified is a move to a more trauma informed approach to working with children. Managers and staff are receiving training to enhance their responses to children's early childhood experiences.

Good progress has been made in completing the recommendations made at the last full inspection. Leaders and managers have reviewed and revised the homes statement of purpose to ensure it reflects the type of care they provide to children. Changes have been made to the homes monitoring policy, providing greater clarity for staff on the methods used to alert staff of entry and exit from the building. It was reported by the manager that changes have been made to the recording of medication audits, but this was not reviewed at this inspection.

Staff say that they enjoy working at the home and are supported effectively by managers who are always available. One staff member said, 'This is the best place I have worked in.'

Leaders and managers are proud of the progress that has made in achieving positive outcomes for children and strive to exceed the expectations set by the quality care standards.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
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?

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that the outcomes of medication audits completed as part of their oversight of the welfare of the children in their care are recorded clearly. ('Guide to the Children's Home Regulations, including the quality standards', page 54, paragraph 10.23)

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2675155

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Inspector

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