

2739888

Registered provider: Safe Support Ventures Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This privately run home provides care for up to four children with social and emotional difficulties.

The home registered with Ofsted in August 2023.

The registered manager deregistered in November 2025 as they have been appointed to be the responsible individual. A new manager has submitted their application to register. They are both waiting for their suitability to be assessed.

At the time of this inspection, three children were living at the home. The inspector spoke with all of them.

Inspection date: 28 January 2026

Date of last inspection: 15 October 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.

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 inspection was undertaken to consider specific concerns received by Ofsted. These included concerns relating to staffing issues, the hours that staff are working, a lack of clarity with staff rotas, that there are too many staff working at night and that some staff may be living in the home. There were no concerns about the safety of children or the quality of care provided to them.

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

Children like living in the home and they have excellent relationships with staff. Children continue to make progress, with one child who was not in school at the last inspection now attending school. If the child struggles to get ready in the morning, staff help them. The child was proud of their attendance record as they have only missed three days of school so far.

Children remain safe because safeguarding practice is effective. Staff are committed to ensuring that children are protected from harm. There are enough staff working on each shift. However, rotas are not always clear about the hours that staff work at night. This gives the impression that staff are working long hours, and without sufficient breaks.

There have been changes of leaders and managers following the last inspection. Despite these changes, there is continuity because the roles have been covered by existing managers who know the children and staff well. Leaders and managers continue to maintain strong oversight of the home and demonstrate a clear commitment to the children's safety, well-being and progress. Monitoring arrangements are robust and support continuous improvement. However, records are not always easy to access when needed.

Staff report feeling well supported in their roles, and they speak highly of the new management team.

We made two recommendations during this inspection, relating to rotas and access to records. This is in addition to the two raised at the last inspection. We will monitor these at the next planned inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
15/10/2025	Full	Outstanding
13/06/2024	Full	Good
30/01/2024	Full	Requires improvement to be 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 should include exploring the applicant's full employment history. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 61, paragraph 13.1)
- The registered should keep appropriate records of staff supervision and appraisal. These should reflect staff's views, and the detailed conversations managers have with staff to explore their development needs and progress. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 53, paragraph 10.8)
- The registered person should ensure that managers, staff, and relevant external professionals can easily access electronic records when required. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 54, paragraph 10.15)
- The registered person should ensure that staffing plans are clear about the hours staff work to evidence that they have enough rest periods, so that they can respond effectively to unexpected events and provide continuity of care to the children. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 61, paragraph 14.2)

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2739888

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Safe Support Ventures Limited

Registered provider address: 31 Eresby Place, London NW6 4JT

Responsible individual: Post vacant

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Thobekile Bandama, Social Care Inspector

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