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Registered provider: Champion Children (NW London) Limited

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is privately operated and provides care for up to 5 children who may experience social and emotional difficulties.

At the time of this inspection, 4 children were living at the home.

The manager registered with Ofsted in January 2024.

Inspection dates: 3 and 4 February 2026

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people, taking into account	outstanding
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How well children and young people are helped and protected	outstanding
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The effectiveness of leaders and managers	outstanding
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The children's home provides highly effective services that consistently exceed the standards of good. The actions of the children's home contribute to significantly improved outcomes and positive experiences for children and young people who need help, protection and care.

Date of last inspection: 22 July 2024

Overall judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
22/07/2024	Full	Good

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: outstanding

The manager and staff have created an environment that maximises children's overall experiences and allows them to make exceptional individualised progress. Children who move into the home feel welcomed, and they settle in well. The children's guide helps children understand the first-hand experiences of those who have moved on from the home, providing reassurance and a sense of belonging.

Staff and leaders have created a calm, warm and nurturing environment. Appropriate affection is shown to the children, helping them feel comfortable. Children's comments include 'I have made a family and feel safe here' and 'It's not the same as being at home, but it's the best care home I've been in.' Staff's supportive and consistent approach helps children feel secure and able to express themselves freely.

Children make significant progress from their starting points, fostered by skilled staff who adhere to their care plans. Staff are committed to understanding children and their needs; they support children in various ways to help them thrive. Children are equipped with resources and space in the home to support them in developing life skills and learning for adulthood. Older children are prepared well for independence.

Staff work with professionals to plan effectively for children's educational needs. Staff demonstrate sensitivity and patience when challenges around education arise. If children are not in education, staff encourage and motivate them to re-engage with it through consistent messages. This develops children's confidence regarding what they can achieve.

Staff help children flourish in areas that interest them. Children enjoy a range of activities at the home and in the community. One child enjoys horse riding, which is developing their confidence. The manager and staff recognise and explore children's identities, and events are celebrated together. Children enjoy baking and can make choices about what they would like to eat.

The staff's commitment to improving outcomes for children, including those who have moved on to other placements or returned to their family home, is reflected in positive feedback from parents and professionals. Children who have moved on from the home remain in regular contact with staff and the manager. When planning events, the manager liaises with external professionals to invite children who previously lived at the home.

How well children and young people are helped and protected: outstanding

Children say they feel safe in the home and can approach staff if they are concerned or worried and express their emotions. Staff and the manager have created a calm and

accepting space where children build trusting relationships. As a result, children make progress in their social and emotional wellbeing.

Staff and the manager understand how to safeguard children effectively. Staff and leaders review and assess risks for children regularly, both in the home and in the community. Any history of harm is considered with relevant external professionals, helping to mitigate further risk. Staff have ongoing discussions with children to help them understand how to keep themselves safe inside and outside the home and online.

Incidents of children going missing from the home have significantly reduced. Staff are familiar with the protocol, including alerting authorities and maintaining appropriate recording systems, to ensure children's safety and wellbeing. Staff adhere to robust procedures of recording; they identify triggers and manage challenging situations. The manager has oversight of incidents and uses lessons learned to continuously improve practice and procedures.

Leaders and managers ensure that research findings are implemented in staff practice and that training takes place regularly. This enhances staff's knowledge and skills, helping them provide effective care for children.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: outstanding

The manager is dedicated to providing a nurturing, child-centred environment for children, supported by staff who are committed to their roles.

Leaders and the manager are dynamic in their determination to create an open and inspirational culture. They are highly motivated in their drive to continually evolve and improve practice through regular oversight and evaluation of the home. Regular audits of the home and obtaining the opinions of children help managers and leaders identify strengths and areas for development.

The manager models highly effective practice for staff. For example, the manager sustains trusting relationships with children who leave the home, which helps them feel safe during periods of transition. The manager also remains in contact with leaders of other homes to promote continuity of care, which helps children settle well in their new placements.

The manager goes above and beyond for children in various situations, demonstrating a strong child-centred approach. For example, he supported family reunification for one child by attending a trip away together with the family. This helped the child feel secure while re-establishing their place with their family.

Local authorities speak highly of the manager and the staff team; they value the collaborative approach and the multi-agency working, which support the children in making significant progress. In relation to transition, one professional said, 'This was a nice piece of work; this was the most satisfying transition I have come across.' To

continue providing effective support to children, the manager establishes and maintains positive working relationships with their professional networks.

Information about this 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: 2746035

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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