

2769457

Registered provider: SJD Homes Limited

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is privately owned and provides care for up to five children who experience social and emotional difficulties.

The home and the manager registered with Ofsted in May 2024. The manager is suitably qualified.

At the time of this inspection, no children were living in the home

Inspection dates: 19 and 20 August 2025

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people, taking into account	good
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How well children and young people are helped and protected	good
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The effectiveness of leaders and managers	good
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The children's home provides effective services that meet the requirements for good.

Date of last inspection: 9 October 2024

Overall judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
09/10/2024	Full	Good

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

Children have made good progress since living in the home, including children who have lived at the home for short periods of time due to their specific circumstances. Committed and experienced staff work in partnership with multi agency professionals to actively support children's progress every step of the way. Staff warmly welcome children moving into the home and support them to personalise their bedrooms. This support helps children adjust to their new environment, feel valued, and develop a sense of belonging.

Staff have advocated for children, helping them to access educational opportunities and work experience so they can develop skills in areas of interest such as car mechanics.

Patient and caring staff support children so they can share their worries and concerns. This support helps children develop trust and build positive relationships with staff. A local authority social worker told the inspector that the team 'build trusted relationships with children, which gives them opportunities to express how they are feeling'. Staff create child-focused care plans that reflect children's needs and ambitions. Staff have purposeful daily conversations with children to help them progress and achieve their individual goals.

Staff help children maintain good physical health by supporting their access to the optician, dentist and routine health and specialist assessments.

Staff support children who have been reluctant to engage in activities both in and outside of the home by encouraging them to think about what they would like to do. Staff actively motivate and encourage children to take part in social and recreational activities. This support helps children develop confidence and improve their self-esteem.

Staff actively support children to develop their independence by involving them in daily home routines, such as creating food menus, making shopping lists, shopping, and cooking. Children have grown more independent in personal care and household tasks. Staff promote positive behaviour by praising and rewarding children's participation in these tasks and encouraging them to learn new ways to understand and manage their emotions.

Staff welcome children's parents, brothers, and sisters into the children's home and actively support family time. This support helps children sustain important relationships.

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

Compassionate staff understand children and provide effective help and protection. Staff are alert to potential hazards in the home and community to keep children safe. When incidents do occur, staff and the registered manager take appropriate and effective action to reduce further incidents. Clinical supervision supports staff in focusing on

children's needs, helping to ensure that children remain at the centre of practice in the home.

Staff provide consistent, nurturing, and sensitive care to support children in making safer and healthier choices. Through meaningful conversations, staff encourage children to reflect on their feelings and develop strategies to respond positively. Staff develop detailed individual risk assessments that clearly describe children's needs, recognise situations that may cause distress, and identify supportive strategies to help children stay calm and safe.

Children's plans clearly describe how children express themselves when happy, require additional attention or when distressed, and outline the support strategies that help them feel safe and understood.

Staff follow robust procedures when children go missing. They consistently contact children to offer support and encouragement to return home. This consistent care helps children feel valued and cared for. and in accordance with regulation

Staff sensitively support children with court-ordered restrictions to understand why their wishes cannot always be acted upon. Physical intervention is used only when necessary to keep children safe and in accordance with regulation. The registered manager carefully reviews and monitors all incidents of restraint to ensure they are appropriate and well recorded. After incidents, staff talk with children to help them understand what happened, reflect on their behaviour, and explore ways to make positive choices in the future.

Staff and the registered manager take children's complaints and allegations seriously and promptly refer them to the local authority designated officer (LADO). Staff understand child protection and whistleblowing procedures and know who to contact if they have any concerns.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

Since the last inspection in October 2024, leaders and managers have consistently delivered effective services for children. Their quality care has improved the lives of children living in the home, particularly by helping them develop their independence skills.

The registered manager communicates effectively with external stakeholders to build and maintain positive working relationships with parents and children's professional networks. This partnership ensures that all professionals work together to provide children with the best possible care and experience.

The empowering and effective registered manager sets high expectations and is highly ambitious for children, creating a positive environment where both children and staff can flourish. This has supported staff recruitment and retention, ensuring children receive good-quality, consistent care from trusted adults. The responsible individual and the

Regulation 44 independent visitor provide appropriate professional challenge, scrutiny, and oversight.

Staff access a comprehensive learning and development programme that equips them with the knowledge and skills to care for children with complex social and emotional needs. The registered manager passionately advocates for continuous learning, ensuring staff regularly enhance their skills through clinical supervision and team discussions to provide the best possible care for children.

The registered manager empowers staff to become champions in specific practice areas, helping them build skills, confidence, and expertise. Managers and leaders carefully plan for succession, motivating and encouraging staff to pursue internal career progression, ensuring children continue to be cared for by trusted, skilled and familiar adults.

No requirements or recommendations were made during this inspection.

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

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Registered manager: Davina Powell

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