

2790891

Registered provider: SSV Shapes Ltd

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is privately owned and provides care for up to 3 children who experience social and emotional difficulties.

At the time of this inspection, one child was living at the home.

This home and the manager registered with Ofsted on 3 February 2025.

The inspector was aware during this inspection that serious child protection allegations were being investigated by the appropriate authorities. While Ofsted does not have the power to investigate allegations of this kind, actions taken by the setting in response to the allegations were considered alongside other evidence available at the time of the inspection to inform the inspector's judgements.

Inspection date: 28 January 2026

Date of last inspection: 15 July 2025

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.

Staff spoken to demonstrate a good understanding of whistleblowing policies and procedures. They have received relevant training on safeguarding and know children very well. Allegations or suspicions of harm are dealt with immediately and reported to the relevant agencies. This enhances children's safety in the home.

Staff are alert to risks and know children's vulnerabilities well. They work with other professionals, including children's social workers and the police, to discuss potential risks and safety plans. Risk assessments are regularly updated following incidents. Children are helped to understand risks through individual key-work sessions. They engage well with staff and talk about what is happening in their lives. One child said that staff and managers are understanding and approachable.

Incidents of children going missing from the home have reduced. Staff are proactive and maintain contact with the relevant professionals and look for children in the local area. Managers review all incidents and update the children's plans accordingly. Staff speak to children on their return to help them understand the risks through individual sessions. Children engage well and express their worries, which staff discuss with placing authorities to ensure that children receive well-coordinated support when they are experiencing difficulties.

Staff morale is very high. Staff speak highly of the new management team. They feel well supported, valued and equipped to fulfil their roles. The staff team is very stable and receives regular, child-focused supervision. Staff have received relevant training and work well with other professionals. They say that training is effective and helps them understand children's individual needs.

Leaders and managers have effective monitoring systems in place to review the quality of care provided to children. They respond well to feedback, internally and externally, and reflect on this during regular team meetings. The provider has promptly recruited an experienced new responsible individual for the home.

The home's physical environment is safe for children. It is homely, clean, tidy, well maintained and well decorated. Children's bedrooms and communal spaces are well furnished, personalised and comfortable. There are no health and safety concerns.

The provider has ensured that staff rosters accurately reflect the shifts they work. Managers have a core team of staff in the home to ensure consistency and continuity of care for children, while some staff cover some shifts at the sister home.

Managers monitor staff overtime and ensure that they have a good work-life balance.

The provider has met the requirement and the two recommendations raised at the last inspection. No requirements have been raised following this inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
15/07/2025	Full	Good

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2790891

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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