

2806495

Registered provider: Bluejay Care Ltd

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This is a privately owned children's home that provides care for up to three children with learning disabilities.

The home has been registered with Ofsted since 4 November 2024. There is a registered manager in post who holds suitable qualifications.

Inspection date: 28 January 2025

Date of last inspection: not previously inspected

Judgement at last inspection: not applicable

Enforcement action since last inspection: not applicable

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

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

Since it was registered in November 2024, one child has lived at the home. The manager ensured that the child experienced a well-planned move and warm welcome into the home. Managers and staff worked closely with the team around the child to ensure the move happened at the child's pace. The child has settled and has begun to make small steps of progress. Staff support the child to share their views.

Staff help the child to attend school. Their regular attendance supports their learning. The manager has established links with professionals involved in the child's care, and there is strong partnership working.

The child's home is welcoming, well furnished and spacious. Their bedroom is personalised to their interests. There are toys available to them, which they enjoy using. The home has a large garden, which is used by the child to play and explore.

There have not been any significant incidents at the home. If the child requires support to manage their behaviour, staff implement de-escalation and distraction techniques. Staff use these strategies effectively to support the child when they become upset and to help them settle quickly. The manager reviews all incidents and acts on any learning. As a result, incidents are minimal.

The manager is ambitious for children and is focused on ensuring that children make progress during their time living at the home. There are clear plans in place to track children's progress.

Staff coming to work at the home complete an induction programme to support them into their new role and gain important skills. The manager also ensures that staff are enrolled on suitable courses to enable them to gain professional qualifications.

Mandatory training has been completed by staff. In addition, training specific to the child's needs has been provided to staff. Staff told the inspector that this has supported them to better understand the child and to deliver care based on their individual needs.

There are suitable monitoring systems in place to support the manager when reviewing the home's strengths and weaknesses. The manager also receives support from the home's responsible individual, who undertakes regular audits. This practice enables leaders to have strong oversight of the home to ensure that it is achieving its stated aims and objectives.

Children's home details

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Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Responsible individual: Lena Graham

Registered manager: Ashley Smith

Inspector

Charlotte Love, Social Care Inspector

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