

SC008274

Registered provider: Searchlight Care Services Ltd

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

A private organisation operates this home. It is registered to provide care for one child who may have experienced childhood instability resulting in trauma and associated complex behaviours.

The home is led by a manager who registered with Ofsted in May 2023.

Since the last inspection, no children have moved in or left the home. At the time of this inspection, no children live at the home.

Inspection date: 19 March 2024

Date of last inspection: 12 September 2023

Judgement at last inspection: Requires improvement to be good

Enforcement action since last inspection: None

Information about this inspection

At these inspections, the inspector(s) evaluated:

- the care of children
- the safety of children
- the effectiveness of leaders and managers.

Inspectors have 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.

No children have lived at the home since the last inspection. The assurance inspection focused on the leaders and managers progress towards the previous requirements raised from the last inspection and the readiness to safely move children into the home.

There is an experienced manager, who is supported by a deputy manager. The manager has an ambitious vision for what children can achieve and is a positive role model. Staff spoken to describe the management team as available and approachable and always willing to offer support and guidance.

There are systems for effective monitoring and review of the home. These ensure that the manager has oversight and can identify strengths and areas for development. As a result, all requirements raised at the previous inspection have been met.

Staff are suitably trained in mandatory subjects and topics that can meet a child's individual needs. When it is identified through children's referral information, extra training has been sourced, such as training about therapeutic intervention.

Members of staff receive supervision regularly. Supervision meetings are practice related and used as a development opportunity. Staff have their performance and fitness to perform their roles appraised at least once every year. These are used alongside development plans, which are used to drive improvement in the staff team.

Health and safety checks of the home take place weekly. A competent person now visits the home annually to complete the fire risk assessment. This ensures that the home remains compliant with fire safety regulations minimising the risk of harm in an emergency.

Systems for recruiting staff are thorough and robust. Managers ensure that all relevant checks are complete and professional curiosity is used when potential concerns from references are highlighted. This ensures that appropriate and safe adults are recruited to care for children.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
12/09/2023	Full	Requires improvement to be good
28/03/2023	Full	Good
01/06/2021	Full	Good
02/01/2020	Interim	Sustained effectiveness

Children's home details

Unique reference number: SC008274

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Searchlight Care Services Ltd

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Responsible individual: Paul Turner

Registered manager: Linzi Reeves

Inspector

Kev Brammer, Social Care Inspector

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