

SC031479

Registered provider: London Borough of Southwark

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home provides care under short-break arrangements for up to five children with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

At the time of the inspection, there were no children staying at the home.

The manager registered with Ofsted in November 2021.

The home shares the premises with a short-breaks service for adults. The registered manager and staff work across both provisions. The Care Quality Commission regulates and inspects the adult service.

Inspection dates: 25 and 26 March 2024

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people, taking into account **good**

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

The effectiveness of leaders and managers **good**

The children's home provides effective services that meet the requirements for good.

Date of last inspection: 4 January 2023

Overall judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
04/01/2023	Full	Good
15/09/2022	Full	Inadequate
14/07/2021	Full	Good
09/03/2020	Interim	Declined in effectiveness

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

The home has not provided respite care for any children since late January 2023. This has been while the local authority has held community consultations on the respite services that it provides. The consultations have not yet fully concluded. This inspection focused on whether the children's home meets its statutory requirements in order to maintain its registration and is ready to accept children for short breaks.

The overall judgement of good reflects that there are no breaches of regulations and that the home is likely to provide good care for children should they return for short breaks.

The home is decorated well and furnished to a good standard. The needs of children who may use wheelchairs have been carefully considered in the home's design. This includes the installation of height-adjustable kitchen worktops to ensure that all children are included in activities such as baking, cooking and meal preparation.

Children's rooms are clean and tidy, with sensory mood lighting and safe furniture. Children's bathrooms are adapted to meet their needs safely. They have access to a safe outside space. They can also access a very well-resourced and safe sensory room with floor projectors and sensory digital auditory games that are fun and support children to develop their social skills and physical development.

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

As the home has not provided short breaks for children since January 2023, there were no records of incidents, accidents, safeguarding concerns or missing-from-care episodes to review.

Although there is no progress to measure for children, there are no shortfalls and no concerns that mean children are not likely to receive safe care if they return for short breaks in the future.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

The manager registered with Ofsted in June 2021. He is suitably qualified and experienced. He has continued to undertake the required health and safety checks, updates to the home's statement of purpose and internal management monitoring. He has also ensured that external monitoring of the home has continued, despite the lengthy closure. The responsible individual has overseen the home since 2019.

The registered manager has met the requirement that was raised at the last inspection.

The staff are suitably qualified and have appropriate training in residential childcare. They are qualified in first aid and have completed the organisation's mandatory health and safety and child safeguarding training.

The established and consistent staff team continues to receive regular supervision and takes up the training opportunities offered. Interactions observed between staff and managers were respectful and friendly.

There were no requirements or recommendations raised at 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

Unique reference number: SC031479

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: London Borough of Southwark

Registered provider address: Southwark Council, 2nd Floor, 160 Tooley Street,
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Responsible individual: Kerry Rabey

Registered manager: Peter Lee

Inspector

Amanda Burrows, Social Care Inspector

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