

SC060545

Registered provider: Laurel Leaf Homes Ltd

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This privately owned home provides care for up to 8 children, including those with social and emotional difficulties and children with learning disabilities.

At the time of this inspection, there were 3 children living at the home.

The home was registered with Ofsted in April 2005. The manager was registered with Ofsted in May 2025.

Inspection date: 11 March 2026

Date of last inspection: 14 October 2025

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.

Children live in a home that is clean, warm and homely. The home has been decorated and refurbished. Children have been involved in selecting paintings and soft furnishings. Children's bedrooms are personalised and provide a beautiful space for each child.

The children have detailed care plans. Their plans identify their needs, and the support is in place to help them to make progress. Plans are aligned with local authority care plans to ensure that there is consistency for the children.

The children all attend education and are making progress, including those who have previously struggled to engage in education.

Children are listened to and valued by staff. The children have regular, supportive keywork sessions, and children's meetings provide them with an opportunity to express their ideas, wishes and feelings.

Children have plenty of opportunities to have fun, with a wide range of activities taking place both inside and outside the home.

Children have strengthened their relationships with staff through spending time together. The children take turns to cook for each other, and staff and children regularly sit together for meals, which the children enjoy, saying that it creates a sense of family.

Staff understand the children's vulnerabilities. Children have individual, detailed risk assessments that inform staff of risk factors and how best to support the child.

Children living at the home do not go missing. Missing person packs have been put together, should a child go missing at any time.

There have been no incidents of physical restraint since the last inspection. All staff have received physical intervention and de-escalation training to help them support children to manage during times of emotional crisis.

Leaders and managers have made significant improvements to the operation of the home since the last inspection and all requirements and recommendations have been completed.

Leaders and managers are continuing to recruit staff. The staff team is now more stable, and no agency staff have been used. This helps the children to develop relationships and to receive more consistent care.

Leaders and managers have ensured that the staff now access all the required training; this has helped to improve professional knowledge and development. They also ensure that staff receive regular supervision and that there are regular, reflective team meetings.

Leaders and managers have ensured that there are current and dynamic policies in place. Systems have been set up to ensure that staff read and sign policies to evidence that they understand each policy and the guidance within it.

There are two new recommendations regarding the independent visitor and the registered person's review of the home. Leaders and managers monitor the operation of the home and the quality of care. However, reports by the independent visitor have not been submitted regularly to the regulator and the registered person's review does not meet the regulatory requirements.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
14/10/2025	Full	Requires improvement to be good
15/10/2024	Full	Good
14/02/2024	Full	Good
01/11/2022	Full	Good

What does the children's home need to do to improve?

Statutory requirements

This section sets out the actions that the registered person(s) must take to meet the Care Standards Act 2000, Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards'. The registered person(s) must comply within the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
The registered person must ensure that an independent person visits the children's home at least once each month. The independent person must provide a copy of the independent person's report to— HMCI; upon request, the local authority for the area in which the home is located; the placing authorities of children; the registered provider and, if applicable, the registered manager; and the responsible individual (if one is nominated). (Regulation 44 (1) (7)(a)(b)(c)(d)(e)) In particular, leaders and managers must ensure that the regulation 44 reports are submitted to HMCI.	29 April 2026
The registered person must complete a review of the quality of care provided for children ("a quality of care review") at least once every 6 months. In order to complete a quality of care review the registered person must establish and maintain a system for monitoring, reviewing and evaluating— the quality of care provided for children; the feedback and opinions of children about the children's home, its facilities and the quality of care they receive in it; and	29 April 2026

any actions that the registered person considers necessary in order to improve or maintain the quality of care provided for children.

(Regulation 45 (1) (2)(a)(b)(c))

In particular, leaders and managers must ensure that the review of the quality of care meets the regulatory requirements and includes a detailed overview of the quality of care provided to the children.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: SC060545

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered manager: Emma Harris

Inspector

Helen Daniel, Social Care Inspector

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