

SC061158

Registered provider: Radical Services Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is one of several children's homes operated by a private company. The home provides care for one child with social or emotional difficulties.

The home was registered with Ofsted in 2004. The registered manager left their role in May 2025. A new manager has recently been appointed and registered with Ofsted in March 2026.

There were no children living at the home at the time of the inspection.

Inspection date: 19 March 2026

Date of last inspection: 10 September 2024

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

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

Since the last full inspection, the registered manager left the service in May 2025. Leaders appointed a new interim manager in November 2025. She has recently become registered. The new manager has reviewed and updated the home's statement of purpose. She demonstrates an enthusiastic approach to providing good-quality childcare built on warmth and nurture in line with the aims and objectives of the home.

The new management team has ensured that the home has been suitably refurbished, providing a comfortable and well-maintained environment for the child. The manager has appointed a new staff team and is supported by an experienced deputy manager. Safer recruitment processes have been followed to ensure that only suitable adults are employed to work in the home.

Staff have received a detailed induction and have access to a full training programme. Training has covered all mandatory areas, with additional input on child exploitation and self-harm. Further training needs will be identified by the manager. This ensures that staff are developing a strong portfolio of skills and knowledge to meet children's needs effectively.

Staff have recently come together to attend their first team meeting. This has explored professional expectations, values and team-building exercises.

The effectiveness of the improvements and their impact on a child's wellbeing and experiences could not be evidenced during this assurance visit. This is because there are no children currently living in the home.

The requirements and recommendations were not looked at during this inspection and have been restated.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
10/09/2024	Full	Good
01/08/2023	Full	Good
03/08/2021	Full	Inadequate
29/05/2019	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, The 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 quality and purpose of care standard is that children receive care from staff who— understand the children's home's overall aims and the outcomes it seeks to achieve for children; use this understanding to deliver care that meets children's needs and supports them to fulfil their potential. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to— ensure that staff— protect and promote each child's welfare; provide personalised care that meets each child's needs, as recorded in the child's relevant plans, taking account of the child's background; help each child to understand and manage the impact of any experience of abuse or neglect; help each child to develop resilience and skills that prepare the child to return home, to live in a new placement or to live independently as an adult; make decisions about the day-to-day arrangements for each child, in accordance with the child's relevant plans, which give the child an appropriate degree of freedom and choice. (Regulation 6 (1)(a)(b) (2)(b)(ii)(iv)(v)(vi)(ix)) In particular, the registered person must ensure that recommendations made in specialist assessments of the child are used to inform the care being provided to ensure that the child's specific needs are met.	24 April 2026

The protection of children standard is that children are protected from harm and enabled to keep themselves safe. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that staff— help each child to understand how to keep safe; that the premises used for the purposes of the home are designed, furnished and maintained so as to protect each child from avoidable hazards to the child's health. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(a)(ii)(d)) In particular, the registered person must ensure that the child is supported to maintain the condition of their bedroom and should not have access to hazardous cleaning materials.	24 April 2026
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Recommendations

- The registered person should develop methods to support the child to recognise the impact of their behaviour on themselves, other children, the staff caring for them and the wider community. Any consequences used to address poor behaviour should be restorative in nature. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 46, paragraph 9.38)
- The registered person should ensure that staff use monitoring tools to work with the child to understand their day-to-day health needs and conditions around sleep hygiene and allergies. Information collected will support the making of any referrals required to health services. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 34, paragraph 7.10)

Children's home details

Unique reference number: SC061158

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered provider address: 2 The Calls, Leeds LS2 7JU

Responsible individual: Helen Sansom

Registered manager: Karen Jack

Inspector

Judith Birchall, Social Care Inspector

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