

SC066458

Registered provider: Pebbles Care Limited

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is privately operated. It provides care for up to 2 children who may experience social and emotional difficulties.

The manager has been in post for 4 years.

At the time of the inspection, 2 children were living in the home, and both children were spoken with.

Inspection dates: 27 and 28 January 2026

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people, taking into account	outstanding
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How well children and young people are helped and protected	outstanding
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The effectiveness of leaders and managers	outstanding
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The children's home provides highly effective services that consistently exceed the standards of good. The actions of the children's home contribute to significantly improved outcomes and positive experiences for children and young people who need help, protection and care.

Date of last inspection: 4 March 2025

Overall judgement at last inspection: outstanding

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
04/03/2025	Full	Outstanding
19/03/2024	Full	Good
12/07/2022	Full	Good
12/01/2022	Interim	Sustained effectiveness

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: outstanding

The progress children have made in this home is exceptional. This is in part because of the excellent care provided to the children by the staff, who are all committed to their roles. A professional spoke of children making 'phenomenal' progress and attributed this to the consistently excellent care they receive.

Stability in the staff team allows the children to build trusting and lasting relationships with consistent adults. Children are happy and settled and want to stay in the home, saying staff are 'amazing' and 'just brilliant'. One child said, 'Staff go the extra mile to make sure we know that they care and love us.' Children have real and tangible feelings of permanence and belonging.

The home is a welcoming and well-maintained property. The ethos of the home is for children to live in an environment that replicates a family home. Children and staff take great pride in the home, and children say they truly feel like it is their home.

Where there have been barriers to education, staff have worked hard to overcome these. Staff and the manager have a good understanding of the children's educational needs and are strong advocates for them. Staff work effectively with education professionals when children need alternative provision to meet their individual needs. This has helped children to continue to achieve academically and develop aspirations for their future learning, skills and qualifications.

Children share their views regularly with staff. Children's opinions, wishes and feelings are important to staff, and there is significant evidence that what children say has a direct effect on the care they experience. Children know that staff want them to have the best experiences possible, and staff will do what they can to ensure that children's wishes are realised. Children's opportunities and experiences provide them with aspirations for their futures.

When children come to live in the home, they are warmly received. One child said staff made them feel very welcome when they moved into the home. This warmth from staff helped the child to quickly build and form solid relationships with staff. When children move on from the home, they remain in contact with the home, and some of them visit and maintain these positive links. This is a testament to the relationships that staff build with the children, relationships which are the very cornerstone of the exceptional progress children make at this home.

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

Children feel safe and are protected from harm effectively. The trusting relationships with staff help children to feel comfortable talking about any worries or concerns they may have. One child said, 'I feel good living here, staff give me everything I need and more!'

Consequently, missing-from-home episodes are a rarity. This is because staff make the home a place where children want to be. If children do go missing, staff act appropriately and work fast to return the child home safely.

Staff help children to take appropriate risks for their age and level of understanding. Staff know the children extremely well, and this helps them quickly identify any changes in children's behaviour. This helps staff to manage risks well, and that helps them to keep children safer.

Staff use the expertise of the home's clinical psychologist effectively to better understand how to respond to children in a therapeutic way. Staff are fully equipped to manage and support the children extremely well. Consequently, incidents involving children are very rare. The psychologist believes that this is due to the stability and security of the children in the home and because of the staff's approach to caring for them.

Risk assessments help staff to manage the dynamic nature of risks to children. Assessments contain details about the children's individual risks and are regularly reviewed and updated. The staff follow the strategies that are set out in each risk assessment. This provides children with a consistent response and helps to reduce any harm that they may be exposed to.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: outstanding

The manager creates an environment that has a significant influence on children's lives, inspires the confidence of the staff and is highly ambitious for children. The manager knows the children inside out and takes great pride in their progress and achievements. The manager has the highest expectations for staff to influence change and improve the lives of the children they care for.

The manager and deputy are tenacious in ensuring that children have the best experiences and have positive ambitions for their futures. The manager recently won an award for her management skills, with all the children and staff nominating her for this. The children say that the manager makes sure they know they are loved and cared for and that all children in the home should 'reach for the stars'.

The manager undertakes research and analysis to help ensure a deeper understanding of the children and how best to support them. There is a clear ethos and model of therapeutic parenting practice that is consistently applied by staff in their daily practice. The manager has excellent oversight and ensures herself daily that the best possible care is provided to the children.

Staff enjoy working in the home and say they feel supported and valued by leaders and managers. Staff have access to bespoke training, regular reflective supervision sessions and support from a consultant psychologist. This helps to promote staff learning and development and enables staff to give high-quality care that is tailored to children's individual needs. Staff described working in the home as 'wonderful'.

Professionals say that communication with the home is open, transparent and timely. One professional said that working with the home has been a 'true pleasure'. All professionals agree that the children are making considerable progress from their starting points

No requirements or recommendations were raised following 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

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Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Inspector

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