

SC413223

Registered provider: 2nd Nurture Limited

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is owned and managed by a private provider.

The home may provide care for 1 child who may experience emotional, social or learning difficulties.

At the time of this inspection, the home was caring for 1 child. The inspector spoke with the child at the time of the inspection.

The manager registered with Ofsted in March 2014.

Inspection dates: 16 and 17 March 2026

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people, taking into account	good
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How well children and young people are helped and protected	good
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The effectiveness of leaders and managers	good
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The children's home provides effective services that meet the requirements for good.

Date of last inspection: 18 February 2025

Overall judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
18/02/2025	Full	Good
12/09/2023	Full	Good
13/09/2022	Full	Requires improvement to be good
23/03/2022	Interim	Improved effectiveness

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

The home provides a warm and welcoming environment, with lots of family photos displayed on the walls and in the living room. There are minor repairs required in the home and the external areas, including refreshing the paintwork on the landing, banister and upstairs doors.

Staff and the manager are ambitious for the child and support them to fulfil their future aspirations. Staff have supported the child to achieve qualifications in Maths, English and Construction Skills Certification Scheme. When there have been any barriers to education, the staff and manager work with agencies, such as the careers service, to ensure that the child remains engaged in a variety of educational settings, helping them to achieve their career goals.

The child's health needs are met. They are registered with local health services, such as GP, dentist and opticians. Staff have supported the child to overcome a fear of attending the dentist. They are now in good oral health after a prolonged period of refusing dental treatment. When the child needs immediate health intervention, staff take swift action to support the child in attending health facilities, such as the hospital.

Staff have developed positive relationships with family members and individuals who are important to the child. This has supported the child to have safe and meaningful contact with their family and people important to them. Staff advocate the child's wishes and feelings relating to contact with family members, which has resulted in the child spending more time with their family.

The child is developing at a pace according to their age and understanding. Staff support and encourage the child to engage in independence skills, to prepare them into adulthood, such as household chores and money management. The child has reported that they engage in tasks such as keeping their room clean and doing their own washing. The child said that they are happy living at the home and that staff really care for them. If a new child were to move into the home, the child would tell them that they are 'lucky' to be living here.

Staff are creative in the way they ensure that the child's wishes and feelings are obtained. They engage the child in face-to-face discussions, where a variety of topics are discussed. Topics discussed are in relation to any incidents which may have occurred in the home but are also used to allow the child to freely express their wishes and feelings. Staff have supported the child to create a vision board, which has supported the child to think about their future goals and aspirations.

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

The child feels safe and protected from harm. Staff manage significant incidents in the home sensitively in consultation with the child, professionals and family. Staff consider other risk indicators present when managing risks. They share their concerns with professionals involved in the child's care, to ensure a coordinated approach is adopted to reduce risks to the child.

Staff are knowledgeable about risks concerning the child and how to respond to risks when provided with a scenario specific to the child. However, the risk assessments lack clarity for staff in relation to the significance of risk and what actions staff should take to reduce the risks to the child.

There has been a reduction in missing-from-home incidents. When the child has not returned to the home, staff acted swiftly to ensure that the child returned quickly to the home. Staff are proactive, contacting the police, family members and friends to try to quickly locate the child's whereabouts. Staff visit places which the child frequents to try and locate the child. Once they return to the home, staff check on their welfare and offer them care and food and drink.

Staff support the child to understand the consequences of their behaviours. They apply sanctions which are fair and proportionate. Following every incident, staff support the child to talk through incidents and reflect on their actions. This supports the child to understand their own behaviour and why the consequence has been applied. Each incident is recorded and evaluated by the manager.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

There is a stable and consistent staff team in place, which provides consistency for the child. The home has effective systems in place to ensure safe recruitment of staff prior to commencing employment. The manager plans the staff rotas in advance and maintains a record, which clearly displays the actual time staff work at the home, including herself.

Staff have completed a wide variety of training, including first aid, health and safety awareness and keeping children safe online. They have engaged in additional training specific to the child's needs, to support them to provide a tailored response to the child's needs and risks. The manager is forward thinking in her plans to further support and develop staff in dealing with challenging issues, and considers any new and emerging trends in training and in the issues, for example in areas such as illicit substances.

Team meetings are held regularly and are an opportunity for staff to review their ways of working and share knowledge pertinent to the child's needs. They provide an open forum for staff to communicate and share their ideas, as well as setting actions. At the start of each team meeting staff consider the wishes and feelings of the child. Team meetings are a forum to share future plans relating to the care needs of the child and provide updates to staff from other professionals working with the child.

Staff supervisions are managed by a suitably experienced person and are held on a regular basis. Any new members of staff receive supervision on a more frequent basis during their induction period. During staff supervisions, the suitably experienced person reviews staff's emotional wellbeing, training and development needs, and updates about the child. Supervisions would benefit from focus on the children's experiences of care provided, meeting their needs, including how risks and care plans are managed. However, this is not impacting on the care of the child.

The registered manager has effective monitoring systems in place, which allow her to have complete oversight of the home. The manager completes quality of care reports with feedback from professionals and family members. However, the manager does not implement clear development plans which are evaluative and set actions for what the home wants to achieve.

The registered manager has effective systems in place to manage medication. When there have been concerns about medication recently prescribed, the manager has sought consent from the social worker and senior leaders.

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 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; 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)(c)) The registered person must improve the evaluation content of the report and include actions to drive forward improvements in the home. This requirement was made at the last inspection and is reinstated.	15 May 2026

Recommendations

- The registered person should ensure that risk assessments are kept up to date and include the significance of each risk and what actions staff are to take to reduce the risks. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 42, paragraph 9.5)
- The registered person should ensure that the home's internal and external repairs are responded to swiftly, to maintain a homely environment. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 15, paragraph 3.9)

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: SC413223

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered manager: Linda Wood

Inspector

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