

SC454265

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. It offers care for one child who may experience social and emotional difficulties and/or learning disabilities.

At the time of this inspection, one child was living in the home.

The manager registered with Ofsted in January 2013.

Inspection dates: 4 and 5 February 2025

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: 19 June 2023

Overall judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
19/06/2023	Full	Good
13/02/2023	Full	Requires improvement to be good
25/01/2022	Full	Good
11/09/2019	Full	Good

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

The child has lived in the home for several years. They enjoy positive, trusting relationships with staff who know them well and offer nurturing and supportive care. The child's hobbies and interests are well known and encouraged by staff. Staff are aspirational for the child's future.

Staff ensure that the child's health needs are well met. The child is supported to attend all routine health appointments and there are clear plans in place, with guidance for staff to follow. Staff support the child to develop healthy habits that they will be able to sustain after leaving the home. For example, the child is learning how to shop for food and make healthy meals with staff.

The child is supported to regularly see their family, and staff work closely with parents to ensure that they maintain a positive relationship. Parents are welcomed into the home and staff ensure that the child spends quality time with their family. One parent said, 'Staff are brilliant; they treat me and [name of child] like family.'

The child attends an appropriate, full-time education provision. Staff support and encourage the child to achieve, and know their academic goals and targets well. In addition, staff complete direct work with the child to support them in developing life skills. The child often engages well with this and has learned important skills.

The registered manager communicates well with partner agencies and family members. Professionals and family members describe communication as 'really good' and say that they are kept well informed about the child's progress.

The home is warm and welcoming. The child is supported to decorate and personalise their bedroom, which they describe as their 'haven'. However, there are communal areas that require ongoing maintenance and decoration in order to sustain the overall presentation of the home.

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

Staff understand the child's needs and risks, and have the knowledge and skills to keep the child safe. Practice is supported by relevant information about the child from their placing authority. Risk assessments are detailed and include strategies for staff to use. There have been no significant incidents, complaints or safeguarding concerns in the home since the last inspection.

The child said, 'Before I came here, I remember feeling scared all of the time; this is the first home I felt safe in.' The child shares open and caring relationships with staff and is supported when any issue about events outside of the home, such as at school, occur. Staff communicate well with education professionals to resolve concerns, and complete

work with the child to develop their understanding of how their behaviour may affect others.

Staff continue to support the child with their independence, and there is a clear and progressive plan to encourage and develop the child's independence. As a result, the child spends time safely in the community and continues to build positive relationships with their peers.

The registered manager ensures that staff are recruited safely and receive a good-quality induction.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

The registered manager is suitably qualified and experienced. She has a good understanding of the home's strengths and areas for development. The registered manager is visible and present in the home and knows the child very well. She is proud of the child's progress and achievements.

Staff say that they are well supported by the registered manager. There is an open and kind culture in the home, and staff say that they feel part of a family.

Staff development is a priority. There is a range of training available that staff attend, including training that is specific to the child's individual needs.

The registered manager has effective monitoring and reviewing systems in place. All documents are regularly reviewed and kept up to date.

Supervisions and team meetings are used to discuss the child's needs, and staff can raise any issues, which are then acted on. However, supervisions are not always reflective or focused on specific areas of development.

A requirement was made at previous inspections to improve the quality of consultation and evaluation in the manager's report on the quality of care provided to children. The report does not fully reflect or evaluate the care provided in the home, therefore this requirement is restated.

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. The system referred to in paragraph (2) must provide for ascertaining and considering the opinions of children, their parents, placing authorities and staff. (Regulation 45 (1) (2)(a)(c) (5)) The registered person must improve the evaluative content of the report through gathering feedback from stakeholders and including actions to drive forward improvements in the home. This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.	17 March 2025

Recommendations

- The registered person should have systems in place so that all staff, including the manager, receive supervision of their practice from an appropriately qualified and experienced professional, which allows them to reflect on their practice and the needs of the children assigned to their care. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 61, paragraph 13.2)

- The registered person should ensure that the home's décor is well maintained to reflect that of a warm and nurturing family environment. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 15, paragraph 13.9)

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: SC454265

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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