

SC475335

Registered provider: Blue Mountain Homes Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is operated by a private provider. It provides care for up to 4 children who may require support with social and emotional difficulties.

The manager registered with Ofsted in March 2026.

At the time of the inspection, 3 children were living in the home. None of the children were available to speak with the inspector.

Inspection date: 25 March 2026

Date of last inspection: 22 September 2025

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.

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.

There has been a short period of challenge for children and staff following a new child moving into the home. Despite a planned transition, the child did not settle, for reasons that were not reasonably foreseeable. This resulted in some disruption for the children already living at the home. The manager recognised that the child's needs could not be met effectively and worked with the placing authority to find a more appropriate home.

Managers and staff worked hard to ensure that the child had a positive ending in difficult circumstances. They helped the child settle into their new home and have since visited.

Staff are supported by a knowledgeable manager who has high expectations for care practice. When children and staff have needed additional support, the manager and deputy manager have always provided this. The manager understands the importance of role modelling good care.

During this challenging period, the manager and staff made efforts for children to rebuild and repair relationships with each other wherever possible. This was encouraged through fun activities and open discussions. This approach helps children to navigate relationship challenges.

Staff understand how to manage self-injurious behaviours. One child has specialist support from a mental health service. Children are regularly encouraged to talk openly about their feelings. Children trust staff, which helps them talk openly.

Requirements made at the last inspection are outside the scope of this visit. These will be reviewed at the next inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
22/09/2025	Full	Good
27/06/2024	Full	Outstanding
06/09/2023	Full	Good
24/01/2023	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 leadership and management standard is that the registered person enables, inspires and leads a culture in relation to the children's home that— helps children aspire to fulfil their potential; and promotes their welfare. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to— lead and manage the home in a way that is consistent with the approach and ethos, and delivers the outcomes, set out in the home's statement of purpose; ensure that staff have the experience, qualifications and skills to meet the needs of each child; ensure that the home's workforce provides continuity of care to each child; use monitoring and review systems to make continuous improvements in the quality of care provided in the home. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(a)(c)(e)(h)) This specifically relates to ensuring that staff have the knowledge and experience to undertake all required tasks within the home consistently. Monitoring systems for the manager should be in place to ensure that any shortfall or learning can be addressed to improve care for children.	21 April 2026
The registered person must ensure that all employees— receive practice-related supervision by a person with appropriate experience; and	21 April 2026

have their performance and fitness to perform their roles appraised at least once every year. (Regulation 33 (4)(b)(c))

This specifically relates to the manager ensuring that staff receive supervision in line with the home's statement of purpose and that this is documented. This also relates to ensuring that staff receive a yearly appraisal.

Children's home details

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Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Responsible individual: Pradeep Manaktala

Registered manager: Santa Ozola

Inspector

Amy Miles, Social Care Inspector

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