

SC407753

Registered provider: 3 Dimensions Care Limited

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is one of a small group of services which are operated by a private company. The home provides care and accommodation for up to four children who may have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties, and/or learning disabilities. The home is managed as two separate self-contained flats within one house.

The registered manager has been in post since April 2010.

Due to COVID-19 (coronavirus), at the request of the Secretary of State, we suspended all routine inspections of social care providers on 17 March 2020.

Inspection dates: 26 to 27 May 2021

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people, taking into account	good
---	-------------

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

The effectiveness of leaders and managers	good
---	------

The children's home provides effective services that meet the requirements for good.

Date of last inspection: 4 November 2019

Overall judgement at last inspection: Good

Enforcement action since last inspection: None

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
04/11/2019	Full	Good
18/03/2019	Full	Good
24/08/2017	Full	Good
01/02/2017	Interim	Sustained effectiveness

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

This is a well-maintained home. The decor provides a welcoming environment for children. There is a large garden which is home to pets, a large trampoline and play equipment. This provides an inviting space for children.

There is a calm ethos which has been promoted by the consistently good management of the home. This environment enables children to be children, despite the additional emotional challenges they may face.

This is a very settled home. Children usually stay here until they are developmentally ready to move on. Two children currently live at this home, and both have lived here for several years.

Children attend school daily and are actively engaged in their education. Outside of school, they enjoy varied activities and fun experiences.

The staff team is consistent and stable. The staff's nurturing approach is embedded firmly in their practice.

The time children spend with their peers outside of education is limited. This prevents children from enjoying healthy relationships outside of a formal setting. There is an informal plan to increase the amount of time children spend with their peers.

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

There have been no significant safeguarding incidents. Any concerns or incidents are well managed, and a nurturing approach is consistently applied.

The boundaries set for the children are clear, and are consistently applied by the staff. This enables children to thrive.

Any changes in the children's behaviour are fully considered and support is increased to help them when needed, for example when there are changes to the children's routines or they are struggling with difficult emotions.

Feedback from one child highlighted that they like their home and can always speak to staff when they need to.

Ongoing sexual health advice and guidance are not fully promoted. This does not ensure that children have a good understanding of this.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

This is a well-managed home. The registered manager has good oversight of all areas of practice. She knows the children well and involves them in decisions about their daily lives.

The manager is invested in the children's lives and takes every opportunity to promote the best outcomes for them.

Care planning is of a good standard and children are supported to take part in the planning of their care.

Training is provided for staff to ensure that they can meet the children's needs. Some gaps in training have been identified, and there are plans to address these soon.

Recruitment is safe, and positive feedback was received from several staff regarding the care provided for children.

What does the children's home need to do to improve?

Statutory requirements

Recommendation

- The registered person is responsible for ensuring that each child's day to day health and well-being needs are met. This includes clear ongoing support regarding sexual health matters. ('Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards', page 33, paragraph 7.3)

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: SC407753

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: 3 Dimensions Care Limited

Registered provider address: Atria, Spa Road, Bolton, Lancashire BL1 4AG

Responsible individual: Jon Edgecombe

Registered manager: Emma English

Inspector

Polly Soper, Social Care Inspector

The Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted) regulates and inspects to achieve excellence in the care of children and young people, and in education and skills for learners of all ages. It regulates and inspects childcare and children's social care, and inspects the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (Cafcass), schools, colleges, initial teacher training, further education and skills, adult and community learning, and education and training in prisons and other secure establishments. It assesses council children's services, and inspects services for children looked after, safeguarding and child protection.

If you would like a copy of this document in a different format, such as large print or Braille, please telephone 0300 123 1231, or email enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk.

You may reuse this information (not including logos) free of charge in any format or medium, under the terms of the Open Government Licence. To view this licence, visit www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence, write to the Information Policy Team, The National Archives, Kew, London TW9 4DU, or email: psi@nationalarchives.gsi.gov.uk.

This publication is available at <http://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/>.

Interested in our work? You can subscribe to our monthly newsletter for more information and updates: <http://eepurl.com/iTrDn>.

Piccadilly Gate
Store Street
Manchester
M1 2WD

T: 0300 123 1231
Textphone: 0161 618 8524
E: enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk
W: www.gov.uk/ofsted

© Crown copyright 2021