

1223201

Registered provider: Leeds City Council

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is operated by a local authority. It provides care for up to four children who may experience social and emotional difficulties.

At the time of the inspection, two children were living in the home.

This inspection was led by two managers who have been supporting the home. One of the managers is applying to register with Ofsted.

Inspection date: 7 October 2025

This monitoring visit

The home was inspected on 20 and 21 August 2025 and was judged inadequate due to significant shortfalls in leadership and management and the protection of children. As a result, compliance notices were issued under regulation 12 (the protection of children standard) and regulation 13 (the leadership and management standard). This monitoring visit was to assess progress on the steps in both compliance notices.

One child was available and was spoken with during the visit, and one child was at school. The child spoke positively about the improvements and changes in the home. These positive changes have helped children to feel safer in the home. One child said, 'I do not lock my door anymore as it is fine now, everything feels safe.'

Since the last inspection, improvements have been made to the home's interior, with clear plans for continued development. The overall atmosphere is calmer and more positive, contributing to a more welcoming environment. Seasonal decorations, including those for Halloween, have been added. Children have been actively involved in choosing the home's colour scheme, helping to create a sense of ownership and belonging.

Staff speak positively about the recent changes in the home. They have been supported to reflect on the findings of the last inspection, which has helped strengthen team relationships and improve overall effectiveness. Staff members who have returned to work said they are happy to be back. They describe the atmosphere in the home as being more positive, and the home as a place where they feel motivated and valued.

Fire evacuation training has been reviewed and updated. All staff have received retraining in this area. Practice fire drills have been repeated to ensure that learning is embedded. Children have been involved in this training, taking part in skills sessions to help them understand the dangers of fire and build their confidence in the home's fire safety procedures.

Children's risk assessments have been strengthened. Known risks are clearly identified, outlining specific triggers as well as effective strategies to support each child. Mindfulness and breathing exercises have been recognised as helpful tools for staff. Managers actively practise these techniques with the staff to ensure they are equipped to provide consistent care to the children.

One child's pathway plan has been reviewed and improved following challenge from the managers. Leaders and managers acknowledge that further development is needed in this area, and they have established a clear focus on supporting children both to move on and to settle into the home successfully.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
20/08/2025	Full	Inadequate
10/09/2024	Full	Good
08/11/2023	Full	Good
14/03/2023	Full	Good

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

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that when a placing authority or another relevant person does not provide the input and services needed to meet a child's needs during their time in the home, the home must challenge them to meet the child's needs (see regulations 5(c)). In particular, pathways plans for those children preparing for adulthood, should include all relevant information and plans to help them with this stage in their life. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations including, the quality standards', page 12, paragraph 2.8)

Information about this inspection

The purpose of this visit was to monitor the action taken and the progress made by the children's home since its last Ofsted inspection.

This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 1223201

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Leeds City Council

Registered provider address: Merrion House, Merrion Centre, Leeds LS2 8LX

Responsible individual: Benjamin Finley

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Jo Birtwhistle, Social Care Inspector

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