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Registered provider: Achieving Aspirations Community Interest Company

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is privately run and provides short-break services for up to 4 children with physical and/or learning disabilities. The service offers short breaks and shared care arrangements.

The manager registered with Ofsted in March 2024.

At the time of the inspection, there were 31 children using the service. One child has a shared care arrangement, and other children attend for short breaks.

Inspection date: 13 April 2026

This monitoring visit

At the full inspection on 16 and 17 February 2026, 2 compliance notices were served regarding the protection of children and the leadership and management of the home.

The purpose of this monitoring visit was to review the steps in the compliance notices and the requirements. The provider has taken responsive action to meet most of the steps in the compliance notices and some of the requirements.

At the time of the inspection, 3 children were staying at the home for short breaks.

The responsible individual, leaders and managers have reflected on the findings of the last inspection and put immediate systems and processes in place to improve oversight. These systems help to critique their own decision-making and recognise areas in need of development. As a result, leaders and the manager's confidence has grown, and children's experiences have improved.

The manager's oversight is becoming more effective. Arrangements for monitoring and oversight have been reviewed, revised and strengthened in some areas.

Leaders and managers have identified and implemented systems to support better recording, monitoring and drive learning to improve practice. However, one incident report included a manager's review 5 days after the incident. The manager had reviewed the report in a timely way, but had not amended the review date to evidence this oversight.

Leaders and managers actively seek feedback from professionals, parents and the staff to understand the experiences of the children. Leaders and managers have used this feedback to support improvements.

Children's relevant plans include clearer information detailing why cupboard doors in children's bedrooms remain locked. Leaders and managers have organised alternative spaces for children to keep their personal belongings. These areas are always accessible to children. Bedroom windows remain locked. Therefore, children are not able to open them fully to allow for greater air flow. Leaders and managers are in the process of gaining quotes to replace the windows in order that they can be opened without posing a risk to children.

Leaders and managers have revised the missing-from-home policy to add clearer guidance for staff should children go missing. Children have not been missing since the last inspection. However, some of the children's plans do not offer staff clear guidance on how to look for children and where. Other plans include contradictory and outdated information that could confuse staff.

Leaders and managers have devised clear protocols to ensure that children's complex health needs are well understood and met by staff. These include protocols for if a child experiences a seizure. Children have not required emergency medical care since the last inspection. Despite this, staff are now clear of the expectations placed on them and how to care for children's health needs effectively.

Since the last inspection, the staff have not used physical intervention. However, leaders and managers have taken action to educate staff to ensure that they understand when to use physical intervention and the importance of clear and concise supporting records. Leaders and managers now understand the importance of seeking to understand the impact of an intervention for the child. However, staff are not always provided with guidance on how best to approach children using children's preferred communication style. This does not fully support children to share their views.

Since the last inspection, leaders and managers have responded promptly to a medication error. The error did not harm the child. The staff sought medical advice and updated the child's parents and social worker without delay. Systems and

processes to support safer medication administration are now in place to help reduce further errors.

Leaders and managers have taken action to ensure keys are kept safe. Keys are placed in a locked cabinet when not in use.

Staff recognise the importance of ensuring that fire safety standards are complied with. Doors have been fitted with automatic closers. This means that in the event of a fire, they will close securely to help stop fire spreading. Internal doors are regularly checked to ensure they remain in a good state of repair.

Children's community visits have increased. However, staff are not yet able to offer children a varied range of activities. This is because some children are taking time to adapt to changes in activity routines. Staff help children to build on their tolerance. This will increase children's enjoyment in community-based activities over time.

At the last inspection, there were 6 requirements. Of these, 4 have been met and 2 are restated. A further recommendation in relation to children's bedroom windows has been raised.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
16/02/2026	Full	Inadequate
16/07/2024	Full	Good
13/06/2023	Full	Requires improvement to be good
02/08/2022	Full	Requires improvement to be 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— demonstrate that practice in the home is informed and improved by taking into account and acting on— use monitoring and review systems to make continuous improvements in the quality of care provided in the home. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(g)(h)) In particular, leaders and managers must ensure that incident reports are reviewed without delay. Leaders and managers must ensure that children's plans are regularly updated and contain relevant and up-to-date information.	11 May 2026
The enjoyment and achievement standard is that children take part in and benefit from a variety of activities that meet their needs and develop and reflect their creative, cultural, intellectual, physical and social interests and skills. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that staff help each child to— develop the child's interests and hobbies;	1 June 2026

participate in activities that the child enjoys and which meet and expand the child's interests and preferences.
(Regulation 9 (1) (2)(a)(i)(ii))

This requirement was raised at the last inspection and is restated.

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that, where safe and appropriate, children are able to open all windows in the home to allow air flow. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 15, paragraph 3.9)

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

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Provision sub-type: Children's home

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