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Registered provider: Social Care Services Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is owned by a private company. It is registered to provide care for 2 children who may experience social or emotional difficulties.

At the time of the inspection, one child was living in the home. The child spoke to the inspector about their experiences of living in the home.

Inspection date: 10 February 2026

This monitoring visit

Serious concerns were identified at an assurance inspection on 29 October 2025. Compliance notices were issued in respect of regulation 12, the protection of children standard, and regulation 13, the leadership and management standard, under section 22A of the care standards Act 2000.

On 16 December 2025, a monitoring visit took place to monitor the compliance notices. It was decided that the provider had not taken sufficient action to meet the compliance notices. Further compliance notices were issued.

The purpose of this visit was to review if leaders and managers have taken sufficient action to meet the steps required within the compliance notices.

Since the last inspection, one child has remained living in the home. The child is provided with opportunities to share their views, wishes and feelings. The child said that they were happy with the support they receive but they would like to move out of the home.

Risk management plans have been updated. However, risk management plans do not include all known risks for the child or clear strategies for staff to follow. One

new member of staff was not aware of all known risks or the role of the local authority designated officer.

There has been a concern relating to the child consuming multi-vitamins, which had not been stored correctly. The manager ensured that health advice was sought, and there was no impact on the child. However, this was not reflected on in the child's risk assessment.

There has been a further concern for a child barricading their bedroom door. This resulted in the police being called. The manager has reflected on the incident with the team and shared additional guidance with the staff.

When allegations have been made, the manager has shared concerns with local safeguarding professionals. Incidents have been notified to Ofsted required by regulation.

Direct work has been undertaken with the child about fire safety, keeping safe online, knife crime and their emotional wellbeing. The child's records are written in a child-friendly way.

The child is only held when it is necessary to keep them or others safe. A court-directed order is now in place. De-briefs have been undertaken with the child and the staff involved. Management oversight of these incidents is professionally curious and reflective.

Staff have completed further training on the home's therapeutic model, ligature risks and online safety. However, staff have not received training specifically on court-imposed restrictions for the child.

Staff have attended a team meeting. This provided staff with the opportunity to reflect on their practice and share their skills and knowledge. This improves consistency in staff practice.

Leaders and managers have internal and external monitoring systems in place, and changes are being embedded. The manager's oversight of incidents has improved but there are shortfalls in the child's records.

The other requirements raised at the last full inspection have not been considered during this visit. They remain in place and will be reviewed at the next inspection.

A case review was held on 16 February 2026. It was deemed that sufficient action has not been taken to meet the compliance notices. The decision was made to issue additional requirements under regulations 12, 13 and 36.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
13/05/2025	Full	Good
25/06/2024	Full	Good
02/05/2023	Full	Requires improvement to be good
16/06/2022	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 with the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
The protection of children standard is that children are protected from harm and enabled to keep themselves safe. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that staff— assess whether each child is at risk of harm, taking into account information in the child's relevant plans, and, if necessary, make arrangements to reduce the risk of any harm to the child; help each child to understand how to keep safe; have the skills to identify and act upon signs that a child is at risk of harm; understand the roles and responsibilities in relation to protecting children that are assigned to them by the registered person; take effective action whenever there is a serious concern about a child's welfare; and are familiar with, and act in accordance with, the home's child protection policies; that the home's day-to-day care is arranged and delivered so as to keep each child safe and to protect each child effectively from harm; that the premises used for the purposes of the home are located so that children are effectively safeguarded; that the premises used for the purposes of the home are designed, furnished and maintained so as to protect each child from avoidable hazards to the child's health; and that	17 April 2026

the effectiveness of the home's child protection policies is monitored regularly. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(a)(i)(ii)(iii)(iv)(b)(d)(e)) Specifically, the registered person must ensure that risk assessments include children's known risks and that staff understand each child's individual needs and risks. Additionally, the registered person must ensure that staff understand what action they are expected to take to reduce known risks.	
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 work as a team where appropriate; ensure that staff have the experience, qualifications and skills to meet the needs of each child; ensure that the home has sufficient staff to provide care for each child; ensure that the home's workforce provides continuity of care to each child; understand the impact that the quality of care provided in the home is having on the progress and experiences of each child and use this understanding to inform the development of the quality of care provided in the home; demonstrate that practice in the home is informed and improved by taking into account and acting on— research and developments in relation to the ways in which the needs of children are best met; and feedback on the experiences of children, including complaints received; and use monitoring and review systems to make continuous	17 April 2026

improvements in the quality of care provided in the home. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(a)(b)(c)(e)(f)(h)) Specifically, the registered person must ensure that staff have the experience, training and skills to meet the needs of each child in their care. Additionally, the registered person must ensure that systems are embedded to monitor the care provided to children.	
The registered person must notify HMCI and each other relevant person without delay if— an incident requiring police involvement occurs in relation to a child which the registered person considers to be serious; there is any other incident relating to a child which the registered person considers to be serious. (Regulation 40 (4)(b)(e))	17 April 2026
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; the feedback and opinions of children about the children's home, its facilities and the quality of care they receive in it; any actions that the registered person considers necessary in order to improve or maintain the quality of care provided for children. The registered person must— supply to HMCI a copy of the quality of care review report within 28 days of the date on which the quality of care review is completed; and make a copy of the quality of care review report available on request to a placing authority, if the placing authority is not the parent of a child accommodated in the home. (Regulation 45 (1) (2)(a)(b)(c) (4)(a)(b))	17 April 2026

The registered person must maintain records ("case records") for each child which— include the information and documents listed in Schedule 3 in relation to each child; are kept up to date; and are signed and dated by the author of each entry. (Regulation 32 (1)(b)(c))	17 April 2026
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Recommendations

- The registered person should have a workforce plan that should detail the processes and agreed timescales for staff to achieve induction, probation and any core training. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 53, paragraph 10.8)
- The registered person should ensure that all staff are familiar with the home's internal whistleblowing procedures. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 53, paragraph 10.09)
- The registered person should ensure that all staff complete records in a way that is helpful to children and write them in a non-stigmatising way. ('Guide to Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 62, paragraph 14.4)

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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