

1271222

Registered provider: GS Social Care Solutions Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is owned and managed by a private company. It provides care for up to six children who may have a learning disability and/or physical disability.

The manager registered with Ofsted on 2 November 2022.

Inspection date: 3 July 2025

This monitoring visit

This monitoring visit was carried out following information about the unexplained death of a child who lived at this home. While Ofsted does not have the power to investigate incidents of this kind, actions taken by the home in response to the child's death were considered alongside other evidence available at the time of the inspection to inform the inspector's judgements. The investigation by the appropriate authorities has concluded with no further action being taken.

The child moved into the home in April 2025. During their time there, staff made significant efforts to enhance the child's quality of life. 'The child's health plans and risk management plans were clear, and staff were guided to provide the appropriate care for the child. They ensured the child had access to the appropriate wheelchair and mattress and staff worked with a dietician to review and reduce the restrictiveness of feeding regimes. These actions ensured that the child was comfortable and able to participate in activities.

Family time is prioritised for all the children in line with their care plans. This supports children and families to spend quality time together.

The managers ensures that staff have access to detailed health plans and risk management plans. This helps to support children in key areas of their lives. Staff receive relevant training and are able to support children safely and meet their needs.

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The manager has provided commendable support to both the children and staff team during this deeply sad time. The manager sought assistance from the organisation's learning disability nurse to develop a social story that gently explained the circumstances to the children. In addition, the manager arranged a meeting with the sudden unexplained death in childhood nurse to support the team, and they also organised specialist bereavement training to help everyone navigate this difficult period.

Staff use an electronic recording system. The manager has identified an issue with how information is logged, as the system records the time information is logged rather than the time actions occurred. They are implementing the appropriate changes. . Work has been completed with the staff team to remind them of the importance of clear, factual and timely recording. A recommendation has been made in relation to this matter.

The manager has met the requirement made at the last full inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
13/11/2024	Full	Outstanding
02/01/2024	Full	Good
28/02/2023	Full	Good
16/03/2022	Full	Outstanding

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

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that the staff are familiar with the home's policies on record-keeping and understand the importance of careful, objective and clear recording. ('Guide to the 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

Unique reference number: 1271222

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: GS Social Care Solutions Limited

Registered provider address: 1a Barnmeadow Lane, Great Harwood, Lancashire, BB6 7AB

Responsible individual: Faye Mellor

Registered manager: Naomi Grime

Inspector

Kerri Lynch, Social Care Inspector

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