

1274089

Registered provider: Lonsdale Care Ltd

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

A private provider operates this home. The home provides care for up to 4 children with social and emotional difficulties and/or learning disabilities.

The home registered with Ofsted in May 2018. There is no registered manager in post. A new manager has been recruited, and they have submitted their application to register.

At the time of this inspection, 3 children were living at the home.

Inspection date: 7 May 2026

This monitoring visit

This children's home was judged inadequate at the full inspection on 3 and 4 February 2026.

Following the inspection, 2 compliance notices were issued under Section 22A of the Care Standards Act under regulation 12, the protection of children standard, and regulation 13, the leadership and management standard.

The purpose of this visit was to monitor the actions taken by the provider to meet the steps outlined in the compliance notices. The provider has taken sufficient action in all identified areas.

The provider has appointed a new manager and deputy manager. This has provided stability for staff and children. The manager has reviewed the children's paperwork to ensure that records are clear and will help staff to understand and reflect on the children's individualised needs.

Risk assessments are reviewed and updated regularly. These assessments include detailed and child-specific strategies for staff to follow. Staff also demonstrate a clear understanding of the actions required to keep the children safe.

All staff are undertaking refresher training, including all mandatory training required by the provider. In addition, every staff member has undertaken safeguarding training. Leaders and managers have also successfully completed Responsible Individual training and managing allegations training.

Leaders and managers have held team meetings for staff to focus on safeguarding, risk assessments, professional curiosity and recording of incidents. Scenarios are used in team meetings to support staff's understanding of allegations and what to do.

There has been an increase in notifications to Ofsted, which is due to 2 of the children moving out. Staff have responded appropriately and kept children safe. All the incidents have management oversight.

Improvements have been made to one of the bedrooms, including the installation of new flooring. However, there is still a noticeable smell of urine in the room. Another bedroom has a mild urine odour, and staff are actively using supportive strategies to help the child develop their personal care skills and feel comfortable.

Leaders and managers have updated their safeguarding policies with the support of an external consultant. This ensures that there are clear guidelines for staff to keep children safe.

The progress made in relation to the requirement raised at the full inspection was not reviewed at this visit. This will be reviewed at the next full inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
03/02/2026	Full	Inadequate
13/02/2025	Full	Outstanding
13/03/2024	Full	Outstanding
08/03/2023	Full	Outstanding

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 health and well-being standard is that— the health and well-being needs of children are met; children receive advice, services and support in relation to their health and well-being; and children are helped to lead healthy lifestyles. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that staff help each child to— achieve the health and well-being outcomes that are recorded in the child's relevant plans; understand the child's health and well-being needs and the options that are available in relation to the child's health and well-being, in a way that is appropriate to the child's age and understanding; take part in activities, and attend any appointments, for the purpose of meeting the child's health and well-being needs; and understand and develop skills to promote the child's well-being. Regulation 10 ((1)(a)(b)(c) (2)(a)(i)(ii)(iii)(iv)) Specifically, leaders and managers should ensure that children's bedrooms are maintained to an acceptable standard of cleanliness and hygiene. Effective strategies to address children's health and wellbeing should be reflected in children's care plans.	19 July 2026

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: 1274089

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered provider address: 20 Brookhouse Road, Caton, Lancaster LA2 9QT

Responsible individual: Paul McClintock

Registered manager: Stephen Doody

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