

2509838

Registered provider: Holistic Approach Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is privately owned and is registered to provide care for up to 3 children who may experience social and emotional difficulties and/or learning disabilities.

At the time of this inspection, 2 children were living at the home.

The manager registered with Ofsted in April 2025.

Inspection date: 10 March 2026

Date of last inspection: 7 October 2025

Judgement at last inspection: requires improvement to be good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Information about this inspection

At this inspection, the inspector evaluated:

- the care of children
- the safety of children
- the effectiveness of leaders and managers.

The inspector has looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people, using the social care common inspection framework. This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000 to assess the effectiveness of the service, how it meets the core functions of the service as set out in legislation, and to consider how well it complies with The Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards'.

Findings from the inspection

We did not identify any serious or widespread concerns in relation to the care or protection of children at this assurance inspection.

Children are encouraged to decorate their bedrooms based on their interests. Both children have chosen to personalise their rooms with football themes that reflect their personalities. This helps them to take pride in their personal space. Since the last inspection, the home has been refreshed, with communal areas repainted, new flooring fitted and outdoor repairs having been completed. These improvements mean the environment is now brighter, more welcoming and maintained to a better standard. This provides children with a more comfortable home environment which helps children to feel valued and contributes to a stronger sense of comfort and belonging for them.

Children are cared for by staff who know their individual needs, routines and progress well. Staff understand what motivates each child, such as the use of praise, rewards and planned activities. Staff use this knowledge to reinforce positive behaviour and support children to feel settled.

Children's plans are clear, detailed and understood by staff. These reflect children's past experiences, current behaviours and the actions staff need to take to keep them safe. Incidents in the home are rare. However, on one occasion, when a child became upset, they needed to be held to maintain their safety. The child was sensitively supported to understand the reason for this and clear management oversight evidences that actions staff have taken have been proportionate and necessary.

Children are supported by staff who respond promptly when they express significant worries, including comments linked to self-harm. Staff use recognised de-escalation approaches, explore concerns sensitively and give children time to talk about what is troubling them. Additional support is offered where needed, including referrals to specialist services. This helps children to feel listened to and ensures their emotional needs are responded to quickly and appropriately.

The manager has taken action to strengthen the quality of care and ensure that staff understand their responsibilities. Key policies have been reviewed and updated, and staff have had opportunities to revisit essential guidance, such as the statement of purpose and safeguarding procedures. The manager has refreshed core documents, clarified expectations and improved systems for monitoring practice, giving clearer oversight of how well the home is operating.

The manager has increased opportunities for staff to learn and reflect on their practice. Staff have taken part in refresher training, team discussions and scenario-based learning, covering areas such as safeguarding, managing allegations and safe record-keeping. Regular team meetings and a new supervision format

support ongoing reflection and coaching. These improvements help staff to build confidence, strengthen their skills and apply consistent practice across the home.

The requirements made at the full inspection have been considered and are met. A recommendation made has been restated.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
07/10/2025	Full	Requires improvement to be good
23/07/2024	Full	Requires improvement to be good
07/06/2023	Full	Good
19/07/2022	Full	Requires improvement to be good

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

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that the quality of care review considers the opinions of children's parents and staff. ('Guide to Children Homes Regulations including the quality standards', page 65, paragraph 15.2)

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2509838

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Holistic Approach Ltd

Registered provider address: 99 Parkway Avenue, Sheffield S9 4WG

Responsible individual: Brian Lewis

Registered manager: Raymond Ashton

Inspector

Nicola Forrester, Social Care Inspector

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