

# 2517046

Registered provider: Hull City Council

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

## Information about this children's home

The home is operated by a local authority. It provides care for one child who may experience social and emotional difficulties and/or learning disabilities.

The manager registered with Ofsted in February 2026.

Two children have lived at the home since the last inspection. One child was living at the home at the time of this inspection and was spoken with during the inspection.

**Inspection date:** 19 March 2026

**Date of last inspection:** 11 November 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, using the social care common inspection framework. This assurance 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.

Staff respond to serious incidents swiftly and effectively. Their consistent but sensitive approach ensures that children feel safe and well cared for and protected in difficult times. The child has developed trusting relationships with staff and speaks to them about their worries.

Children experience well-planned moves into and out of the home. Staff take time to learn about the child, including how they would like their bedroom to look and their interests. This helps children to feel welcomed and valued. Staff have implemented a well-structured plan to support the child who moved out of the home. Staff helped this move by listening to the child's voice, doing so in a thoughtful manner, ensuring that the child felt prepared and confident.

External professionals speak positively about the care that children receive. They collaborate with staff effectively and this contributes to meeting the children's needs. Care planning is thorough and effective. Plans are reviewed regularly and are specific to each child and their needs.

Staff's approach to children's education is adaptable. They use play and nurture when needed to encourage engagement. Staff worked patiently with one child, who had been absent from education for an extended period, to help them re-engage with some structured learning. This was notable progress for the child. When children are unable to attend school, staff work with external services to ensure that children continue to receive education through home tutoring.

Staff receive regular and effective practice-related supervision sessions. The manager ensures that supervision is reflective. This supports staff to develop their skills and maintain consistent practice.

The manager has not consistently notified Ofsted of all serious incidents. This reduces the regulator's ability to maintain oversight of safeguarding concerns effectively.

Staff do not fully understand the risks around online safety. They are not fully aware of the games and apps that the child is using when online. The child's online activity is monitored; however, staff do not have a clear understanding of the risks or inappropriate content that the child may be exposed to.

## Recent inspection history

| Inspection date | Inspection type | Inspection judgement            |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 11/11/2025      | Full            | Requires improvement to be good |
| 28/01/2025      | Full            | Outstanding                     |
| 19/09/2023      | Full            | Good                            |
| 31/01/2023      | Full            | Good                            |

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

### Statutory requirements

This section sets out the actions that the registered person 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 must comply within the given timescales.

| Requirement                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Due date      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <p>The registered person must notify HMCI and each other relevant person without delay if—</p> <p>there is any other incident relating to a child which the registered person considers to be serious.<br/>(Regulation 40 (4)(e))</p> | 30 April 2026 |

### Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that staff have the knowledge and skills to recognise, and be alert for, any signs that might indicate a child is in any way at risk of harm when accessing the internet and using social media. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 43, paragraph 9.12)

## Children's home details

**Unique reference number:** 2517046

**Provision sub-type:** Children's home

**Registered provider:** Hull City Council

**Registered provider address:** Kingston upon Hull City Council, The Guildhall,  
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**Responsible individual:** Michael Boddy

**Registered manager:** Matthew Broderick

## Inspector

Gary Smithson, Social Care Inspector

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