

2523025

Registered provider: Compass Children's Homes Ltd

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home registered with Ofsted in July 2019 and is owned by a private provider. It offers care for up to six children who experience social and emotional difficulties.

At the time of the inspection, six children were living in the home. One child spoke with the inspector as part of the inspection.

A new manager has very recently been appointed but has not yet applied to register with Ofsted.

Inspection date: 13 January 2026

Date of last inspection: 5 August 2025

Judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Information about this inspection

At these inspections, the inspector(s) evaluated:

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

Inspectors have 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.

When children go missing from the home, staff respond promptly and take action to ensure children's safety. They are proactive in contacting children and liaising with known associates, as well as checking all relevant addresses. Staff share information with the professional network and family, which ensures effective multi-agency responses. These actions help to minimise risks and promote children's safety and well-being.

Managers and staff demonstrate professional curiosity when investigating serious incidents. This ensures that relevant information is gathered to safeguard children effectively. Managers take proactive steps to speak to children about where they have been and who they have spent time with. Managers explore information they gather to identify specific locations and people that children are spending time with. This approach strengthens multi-agency efforts to reduce risk and locate children promptly.

Children's needs are identified promptly, and referrals are made to appropriate support services. This includes specialist interventions in line with children's specific needs. These actions help children to access the support they need to address the complex challenges they are facing and promote their emotional well-being.

Managers assess children's risks effectively and take action to reduce children's vulnerabilities. Staff demonstrate a strong understanding of the individual risks faced by children and implement strategies to manage these effectively. This includes liaising with the police and requesting additional safeguarding markers being placed on the home, as well as ensuring staff receive enhanced support and training. However, there is an over-reliance on the strength of the relationships that staff share with children in maintaining contact when children are missing as a safety measure. This approach is not consistently a protective factor and does not always mitigate risk as intended.

Overall, staff and leaders work well with professionals. Staff are proactive in sharing relevant information through regular meetings and formal reviews. They request additional meetings when children's risks increase, ensuring that safeguarding arrangements remain responsive and effective. However, when the local authority and wider professional network have failed to respond promptly to requests regarding education and living arrangements for a child, staff have not consistently challenged these delays. This lack of professional challenge has led to ongoing uncertainty for one child, which affects their understanding of decisions being made and compromises the effective management of associated risks.

The registered manager has recently left the organisation, and the deputy manager has stepped into the role and intends to apply for registration. The home has experienced some changes in leadership, resulting in a period of adjustment. This transition is being managed effectively, with senior leaders providing strong support to maintain stability and continuity of care for children.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
05/08/2025	Full	Good
03/09/2024	Full	Good
03/10/2023	Full	Outstanding
14/02/2023	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 within the given timescales.

Requirement	Due Date
In meeting the quality standards, the registered person must, and must ensure that staff— seek to secure the input and services required to meet each child's needs; and if the registered person considers, or staff consider, a placing authority's or a relevant person's performance or response to be inadequate in relation to their role, challenge the placing authority or the relevant person to seek to ensure that each child's needs are met in accordance with the child's relevant plans. (Regulation 5 (b)(c))	17 February 2026

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that staff continually and actively assess the risks to each child and the arrangements in place to protect them. While staff are often aware of children's location and share positive interactions with children when missing from the home, this does not in itself always ensure children are safe. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 42, paragraph 9.5)

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2523025

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Compass Children's Homes Ltd

Registered provider address: Compass Community Ltd, 3 Rayns Way, Syston, Leicester LE7 1PF

Responsible individual: Teyte Parrish

Registered manager: Zeynab Fadil

Inspector

Menaka De Silva, Social Care Inspector

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