

2534829

Registered provider: Nurture Childcare Services Limited

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

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

At the time of this visit, two children were living at the home. One child was spoken to during the inspection.

The manager registered with Ofsted in August 2025.

Inspection date: 10 September 2025

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people, taking into account	good
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How well children and young people are helped and protected	good
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The effectiveness of leaders and managers	good
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The children's home provides effective services that meet the requirements for good.

Date of last inspection: 4 June 2025

Overall judgement at last inspection: inadequate

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
04/06/2025	Full	Inadequate
05/11/2024	Full	Good
08/06/2022	Full	Inadequate
29/03/2022	Interim	Declined in effectiveness

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

The home is a warm and welcoming environment. Staff help children to personalise their bedrooms and communal spaces. The children's wishes and feelings are considered in the day-to-day running of the home.

Staff support children to see their families and people who are close to them. The staff maintain regular communication with parents and carers and keep them updated about the children's progress. This helps children to maintain their identity and continue to see people who are important to them. One child is able to spend time with people who are important to them despite them living a significant distance away.

One parent said that they were confident the staff and managers were supporting their child to the best of their ability. They said that they receive regular communication and updates. This ensures that they feel valued and involved in their child's care.

Children are supported to identify and work through issues that may impact on their well-being. Staff approach this work with sensitivity, enabling children to reflect on their progress. One child shared that they have received support to improve their mental health, which has had a positive impact on their overall development.

How well children and young people are helped and protected: good

Recruitment procedures and practices are safe and effective. All staff are checked and vetted before starting to work at the home. These checks ensure that only suitable adults are employed to work with children in the home.

Children speak positively about their home, describing it as an enjoyable place to live. They feel supported and are confident in approaching trusted adults who provide consistent support and guidance.

Managers review children's risk management plans. This ensures that staff follow the safeguarding procedures in place to meet the children's needs and keep them safe. Staff review and update risk management plans to reflect any changes to children's needs. This helps staff to provide a safe and consistent approach to managing risk.

Staff use positive behaviour approaches, supported by therapeutic training. This avoids any use of negative or punitive measures to manage children's behaviour.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

Staff say they are supported by the registered manager. They say that they enjoy working at the home. Staff receive supervision and attend regular team meetings, where they discuss the home, the needs of the children and any safeguarding incidents.

Staff have attended training that is adapted to meet the specific needs of the children in the home. This means that staff develop their skills. The manager reviews the training plan regularly. This helps him monitor which staff have attended training and any further shortfalls.

The registered manager has not fully investigated concerns relating to staff conduct. The information gathered did not include the necessary information, analysis or conclusions. This limits any future lessons learned.

The monthly report provided by the independent person is not sent to the regulator in a timely manner. In one case, the report for the visit was received two months after the review. The registered manager reported that they have raised this as a concern with the responsible individual. Furthermore, the responsible individual has not ensured that they have regular independent oversight of the home.

The registered manager submits reports following serious incidents in the home. However, on one occasion there was a delay in this report being submitted. This limits the regulatory oversight of practice.

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
The leadership and management standard is that the registered person enables, inspires and leads a culture in relation to the children's home that— helps children aspire to fulfil their potential; and promotes their welfare. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to— understand the impact that the quality of care provided in the home is having on the progress and experiences of each child and use this understanding to inform the development of the quality of care provided in the home. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) and (2)(f)) Specifically, the registered person must ensure that they investigate, evaluate and manage any concerns raised in relation to staff conduct.	24 October 2025

Recommendations

- The registered person should ensure that Ofsted is notified if there is an incident relating to the protection, safeguarding or welfare of a child living in the home which the registered person considers to be serious. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 63, paragraph 14.10)
- The registered manager should ensure that the independent visitor report is sent to the regulator to ensure that they have regular oversight of the home. (The 'Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 65, paragraph 15.5)

Information about this inspection

Inspectors have 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'.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2534829

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Nurture Childcare Services Ltd

Registered provider address: Calls Wharf, C/O Pebbles Care Ltd, 2 The Calls, Leeds LS2 7JU

Responsible individual: David Shaw

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