

2590699

Registered provider: Care 4 Every Child Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is owned and managed by a private organisation. It provides care for up to 4 children who may experience social and emotional difficulties.

At the time of the visit, there were 3 children living at the home.

The manager registered with Ofsted in April 2026.

Inspection date: 21 May 2026

This monitoring visit

This children's home was judged inadequate at the full inspection on 9 and 10 April 2026. The inspector identified serious concerns in relation to safeguarding practices and ineffective leadership and management.

Following the inspection, compliance notices were issued under The Children's Homes (England) Regulation 2015 for regulation 12, the protection of children standard and regulation 13, the leadership and management standard.

The purpose of this visit was to monitor the action taken by the provider in meeting the steps in the compliance notices.

Three children were living at the home when the monitoring visit took place. One child has left the home since the last inspection, and another was preparing to leave on the day of the visit.

The response to safeguarding incidents is inconsistent and not always effective. Consequently, opportunities to protect children from harm are missed.

Risk assessments are in place for the children living in the home. However, some risk assessments do not provide clear strategies for staff to follow to safeguard children.

There has not been an appropriate response to safeguarding incidents involving the children. On one occasion, staff did not take action to prevent one child from going missing from the home. This left the child at an increased risk of harm due to their age. On another occasion, one child was permitted to stay out of the home despite concerns being known that they were arranging to meet unsafe adults in the community.

The registered manager reviews and evaluates all incidents. However, these reviews do not always identify shortfalls in staff practice. When shortfalls are identified, the registered manager's evaluation does not evidence that these practice issues are clearly communicated to the staff members involved.

Team meetings have been used to reflect on the recent inspection and identified shortfalls in safeguarding practice. Leaders and managers have used this forum to increase staff knowledge on appropriate safeguarding responses when incidents occur. In addition, flow charts have been developed to guide staff on how to respond effectively to incidents where children are missing from home. However, the shortfalls identified during the visit demonstrate that this has not been effective.

Leaders and managers have ensured that staff receive needs-led training and physical intervention training as identified at the previous inspection.

Following the visit, a case review was held, and it was determined that the provider has not taken sufficient action to meet the steps in the compliance notices. The requirements were not considered at this visit and will be reviewed at the next inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
08/04/2026	Full	Inadequate
18/06/2025	Full	Good
12/06/2024	Full	Good
11/10/2023	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 with the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
* The protection of children standard is that children are protected from harm and enabled to keep themselves safe. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that staff— assess whether each child is at risk of harm, taking into account information in the child's relevant plans, and, if necessary, make arrangements to reduce the risk of any harm to the child; have the skills to identify and act upon signs that a child is at risk of harm; understand the roles and responsibilities in relation to protecting children that are assigned to them by the registered person; take effective action whenever there is a serious concern about a child's welfare. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(a)(i)(iii)(v)(vi)) Leaders and managers must ensure that risk management plans accurately reflect children's risks and guide staff on how to respond effectively to these. Leaders and managers must ensure that children are appropriately supervised in the community, considering their age, presenting risks and vulnerabilities. Leaders and managers must ensure that there is an effective response when children go missing from the home.	26 July 2026

Leaders and managers must ensure that independent return home interviews are requested within 72 hours of children returning home, following a missing-from-home incident. Leaders and managers must ensure that physical interventions are only carried out by staff who have completed the provider's mandatory training.	
*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— lead and manage the home in a way that is consistent with the approach and ethos, and delivers the outcomes, set out in the home's statement of purpose; ensure that staff work as a team where appropriate; ensure that staff have the experience, qualifications and skills to meet the needs of each child. use monitoring and review systems to make continuous improvements in the quality of care provided in the home. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(a)(b)(c)(h)). Leaders and managers must ensure that safeguarding incidents are thoroughly evaluated and scrutinised. Where shortfalls in practice are identified, there should be a process of reflection and learning with staff.	26 July 2026
The care planning standard is that children— receive effectively planned care in or through the children's home. Regulation 14(1)(a)).	1 July 2026
The education standard is that children make measurable progress towards achieving their educational potential and are helped to do so.	1 July 2026

In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that staff— help each child to achieve the child's education and training targets, as recorded in the child's relevant plans; help a child who is excluded from school, or who is of compulsory school age but not attending school, to access educational and training support throughout the period of exclusion or non-attendance and to return to school as soon as possible; help each child who is above compulsory school age to participate in further education, training or employment and to prepare for future care, education or employment. (Regulation 8 (1) (2)(a)(i)(viii)(x)). Specifically, leaders and managers must ensure that when children are not attending an education provision, there is a clear plan of alternative education that children can participate in daily.	
The registered person must review the appropriateness and suitability of the location of the premises used for the purposes of the children's home at least once in each calendar year taking into account the requirement in regulation 12(2)(c) (the protection of children standard). (Regulation 46(1)). Specifically, leaders and managers must consider the location of bridges in the area and how this risk will be managed, when children with suicidal ideation connected to bridges reside in the home.	1 July 2026

*These requirements are subject of a compliance notice.

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that all areas of the home are well maintained. Children's bedrooms should be kept clean and tidy. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 15, paragraph 3.9)

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

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