

2591479

Registered provider: Nurture Childcare Services Limited

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is privately owned and provides care for up to two children, who may experience social and/or emotional difficulties.

The home was registered with Ofsted in August 2020. The manager registered with Ofsted in June 2025.

At the time of the inspection, one child was living at the home.

Inspection dates: 13 and 14 January 2026

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: 30 April 2024

Overall judgement at last inspection: inadequate

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
30/04/2024	Full	Inadequate
22/08/2023	Full	Requires improvement to be good
21/06/2022	Full	Requires improvement to be good
16/03/2022	Interim	Declined in effectiveness

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

Staff provide consistent coordinated support to enable the child to maintain positive relationships with their family and those who are important to them. They communicate regularly with parents and carers, ensuring that they are kept informed about the child's day-to-day experiences. This approach strengthens the child's sense of identity and helps them to sustain meaningful relationships.

The child was supported to spend Christmas Day with their parent. This was a significant and positive life event, and staff worked sensitively and proactively to ensure that the arrangements promoted the child's emotional well-being.

The child receives good care that meets their individual needs and enhances their day to day life. The child enjoys positive experiences such as golfing, football and other activities.

Staff ensure that the child has access to appropriate healthcare services and is supported to develop a healthy lifestyle. An in-house therapist works closely with the child and with staff, enhancing their understanding of the child's emotional well-being and informing the care and support that staff provide for the child.

The child is encouraged to share their views, wishes and feelings about their own care and the home in general.

The child's engagement in education and learning is good. The child attends formal education where they are making progress from their starting points. The child's teacher said that the staff team 'demonstrate a strong commitment to [the child's] wellbeing and progress'.

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 care for children.

Risks are clearly identified, and staff are provided with clear, practical guidance on how to maintain the child's safety. This ensures that staff understand the measures required to reduce risk and respond appropriately to any emerging concerns.

Staff conduct is managed effectively. When concerns are raised regarding staff practice, these are addressed and investigated promptly and in line with organisational procedures. This ensures that any shortfalls are identified and responded to without delay. As a result, the child is reassured that their welfare and safety needs remain paramount.

Staff use positive behaviour-support approaches that are informed by therapeutic training. This ensures that the child is guided through nurturing, relationship-based strategies rather than negative or punitive measures. As a result, the child experiences consistent, supportive responses that helps their emotional wellbeing and encourages positive behaviour.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

The manager started to manage the home in June 2025 and is supported by a capable and experienced deputy manager. Together, they provide clear direction and are focused on developing the new staff team. New members of staff say that they feel well supported and describe the guidance they receive as helpful in building their confidence and competence.

Management oversight is strong. For example, when medication errors occur, they are responded to swiftly and comprehensively. The manager ensures that each incident is reviewed, and that staff receive clear guidance and support to prevent reoccurrence. This approach promotes safe practice and reinforces a culture of accountability and learning within the home.

Staff receive regular support through team meetings. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity for staff to reflect on their practice and to consider how the quality of the care provided to the child, can be further improved. This reflective approach encourages continuous improvement and supports consistent, child-centred care.

The management team maintain effective oversight of incidents and key documentation. The manager applies a critical and reflective approach to reviewing practice, ensuring that the standard of care remains consistently high. There is strong oversight of key-work sessions, which helps to ensure that the child receives the most appropriate support to meet their individual needs.

Supervision arrangements are in place. However, one staff member had not received any formal supervision since starting in the role. Supervision had been scheduled for the day before the inspection but did not take place. This is a missed opportunity to provide essential support to a new member of staff who is also new to residential care.

Staff receive a comprehensive programme of training when they join the home, which equips them with the core skills needed to care for the child safely. However, not all training initially reflected emerging risks, including ligature training. The manager has since taken prompt action to address this shortfall and ensure that staff have the necessary training to meet the child's needs.

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, 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— 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; ensure that the home has sufficient staff to provide care for each child; ensure that the home's workforce provides continuity of care to each child. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(a)(b)(c)(d)(e)) Specifically, the registered person must ensure that all staff have the skills to meet children's needs, including how to recognise and respond to any incidents involving ligature.	30 March 2026

Recommendations

- The registered person should have systems in place so supervision, for new staff, takes place in line with the timescales in the workforce development plan. ('Guide to the children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards' page 61, paragraph 13.2).

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: 2591479

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Nurture Childcare Services Limited

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

Responsible individual: David Shaw

Registered manager: Sarah Dalton

Inspector

James Meeks, Social Care Inspector

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