

2594233

Registered provider: Children & Adolescents Placement Provisions Ltd

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Monitoring visit

Information about this children's home

This home is privately owned and provides care for up to four children who have social and emotional difficulties.

At the time of the inspection, one child was living at the home. No children have moved out since the last inspection. The child was consulted as part of the inspection process.

The home has a registered manager. The manager was not present on the day of the inspection. The inspection was therefore supported by a member of the leadership team.

Inspection date: 12 January 2026

This monitoring visit

This monitoring visit was undertaken to review the restriction of accommodation that has been in place since 29 August 2025. Significant progress has been made by the provider to remedy the concerns. As a result, the restriction of accommodation has been lifted.

Staff create fun experiences for the child. These include building on the child's imagination. The child enjoys spending time with staff. The child was energetic in her retelling of these experiences, showing how much they enjoy them.

Improvements and repairs have taken place throughout the home. This includes the child now having appropriate blinds fitted in their bedroom for privacy. Where maintenance work remains, this is due to external factors. Leaders have suitably followed up the completion dates of these.

The home has not had a fire risk assessment within the time frame recommended by the company who completes it. A requirement has therefore been set. As a result of the monitoring visit, the manager requested for the assessment to be arranged.

Leaders have created a clear system for the reviewing of documents. The oversight of such documents now leads to managers recognising the development needs of staff. Leaders are proactive in arranging practice discussions to improve staff skill sets.

Leaders assure that all staff, including non-permanent staff, receive reflective practice discussions. These take place on a one-to-one basis and in the form of group team meetings. This leads to staff working more collaboratively and the child receiving more consistent care.

Staff's written records of when the child is physically held have improved. The child is spoken to about the measure to gain their views. On occasion, staff have not written when the child or staff have been spoken to by someone not involved in the hold. Leaders have a plan in place to ensure this is recorded moving forward.

Staff recruitment files now include all required information as per schedule 2. Where there are conflicts of interest between staff, leaders have assessed these and responded appropriately.

The recommendations set at the last inspection were not reviewed at this monitoring visit. They will therefore remain until the next full inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
10/06/2025	Full	Requires improvement to be good
07/05/2024	Full	Requires improvement to be good
03/05/2023	Full	Requires improvement to be good
05/07/2022	Full	Requires improvement to be good

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 with the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
The registered person must ensure that— within 48 hours of the use of the measure, the registered person, or a person who is authorised by the registered person to do so ("the authorised person")— has spoken to the user about the measure; and has signed the record to confirm it is accurate; and within 5 days of the use of the measure, the registered person or the authorised person adds to the record confirmation that they have spoken to the child about the measure. (Regulation 35 (3)(b)(i)(ii)(c)) This specifically relates to the user of the measure and the child being spoken to about the use of the measure by someone not involved in the physical hold. This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.	23 February 2026
After consultation with the fire and rescue authority, the registered person must— take adequate precautions against the risk of fire, including the provision of suitable fire equipment in the children's home. (Regulation 25 (1)(a)) In particular, the registered person should ensure that fire risk assessments are undertaken in a timely manner.	23 February 2025

*These requirements are subject of a compliance notice.

Recommendations

- The registered person should ensure that when a child returns to the home after being missing from care or away from the home without permission, the responsible local authority provides an opportunity for the child to have an independent return home interview. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 45, paragraph 9.30)
- The registered person should ensure that staff are familiar with the home's policies on record-keeping, and understand the importance of careful, objective, and clear recording. Staff should record information on individual children in a non-stigmatising way that distinguishes between fact, opinion and third-party information. Information about the child must always be recorded in a way that will be helpful to the child. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 62, paragraph 14.4)
- The registered person should ensure that staff provide a nurturing environment that is welcoming, supportive, and which provides appropriate boundaries in relation to their behaviour. Homes must also meet children's basic day to day needs and physical necessities. Staff should seek to meet the child's basic needs in the way that a good parent would, recognising that many children in residential care have experienced environments where these needs have not been consistently met – doing so is an important aspect of demonstrating that the staff care for the child and value them as an individual. ('Guide to the children's homes regulations, including the quality standards', page 15, paragraph 3.7)

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

Unique reference number: 2594233

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Children & Adolescents Placement Provisions Ltd

Registered provider address: Barratt House Office G3a, Kingsthorpe Road,
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Responsible individual: Post vacant

Registered manager: Deborah Hill

Inspector

Ellen Monk, Social Care Inspector

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