

2618553

Registered provider: Forte Care Ltd

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is owned by a private company. It provides care for one child who may experience social and emotional difficulties.

At the time of this inspection, one child was living at the home. The child did not wish to speak with the inspectors.

The home has been without a registered manager since 19 May 2025. Subsequently, a new manager applied to register with Ofsted but withdrew their application in December 2025. A further new manager was appointed in December 2025. They have not yet applied to register.

Inspection date: 3 March 2026

This monitoring visit

On 20 January 2026, Ofsted completed an assurance inspection and identified serious and widespread concerns relating to the leadership and management of the home and within safeguarding systems. A compliance notice was issued under regulation 13 of The Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015.

This monitoring visit was undertaken to monitor the progress in addressing the steps set out in the compliance notice.

Leaders and managers are now taking effective action to address shortfalls in staff practice. They have ensured that staff are aware of how concerns and safeguarding incidents need to be reported. This ensures that shortfalls can be quickly identified and supported, and that the child's safety, wellbeing and experiences are not compromised.

Staff now have an understanding of appropriate professional boundaries and are maintaining them with the child. Leaders and managers have taken action to educate and support staff and the child. In addition, leaders and managers have ensured that their policies and guidance for staff are clear. This supports the child to develop positive, supportive relationships.

Since the last inspection, leaders and managers have ensured that all staff have received reflective, supportive supervision. Also, leaders have ensured that there is a monitoring system in place to improve their oversight of staff practice. Staff speak positively about their supervision sessions and said that supervision is supporting their practice.

Leaders and managers have ensured that all outstanding investigations into staff practice concerns which had been directed by the local authority designated officer have been completed. This has ensured that learning has been identified and actions have been taken to improve the safety and experiences of the child. The management team has also ensured that all practice concerns since the last inspection have been investigated without delay, and learning has been consistently shared with staff.

Leaders and managers have taken effective action to address previous safeguarding shortfalls. Staff have accessed targeted training, including in safe medication practice, self-harm and eating disorders. Staff say that this training has strengthened their practice and increased their confidence in managing safeguarding concerns.

Monitoring systems have helped to improve the manager's oversight of the care the child receives and in reviewing the management of significant incidents. The manager and responsible individual have strengthened their systems to ensure that consistent and evaluative oversight is present to ensure that practice remains safe for the child. This includes identifying shortfalls in care and supporting improvement to minimise repeated risks.

The compliance notice and requirements raised at the last inspection have been met.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
23/09/2025	Full	Requires improvement to be good
15/10/2024	Full	Outstanding
20/09/2023	Full	Outstanding
18/10/2022	Full	Good

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: 2618553

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Forte Care Ltd

Registered provider address: 213 Station Road, Stechford, Birmingham B33 8BB

Responsible individual: Victoria Chinchon

Registered manager: Post vacant

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