

2620261

Registered provider: Budwood Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is owned by a private organisation. It provides care for up to 2 children who may have needs associated with social and emotional difficulties and/or have learning disabilities.

Since the last inspection, a new manager has been recruited. They have applied to register with Ofsted.

Inspection date: 26 March 2026

Date of last inspection: 14 October 2025

Judgement at last inspection: requires improvement to be good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Information about this inspection

At this inspection, the inspector evaluated:

- the care of children
- the safety of children
- the effectiveness of leaders and managers.

The inspector has looked closely at the experiences and progress of children, using the social care common inspection framework. This assurance 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'.

Findings from the inspection

We did not identify any serious or widespread concerns in relation to the care or protection of children at this assurance inspection.

Leaders and managers have taken action to address several of the shortfalls identified at the previous inspection. While progress has been made, one requirement has not been fully met.

Clear plans are now in place to support staff with helping children to develop consistent positive routines. Therapeutic consultation has taken place with staff to support them with implementing routines, and staff are embedding the advice provided. However, it is not yet clear whether all children benefit from positive routines. One child who has moved on from the home demonstrated improved engagement in activities. However, it is not clear whether the child who currently lives at the home engages in a positive routine. The child said that they are spending long periods in their bedroom at times.

Reflective management oversight has improved. Managers seek to improve the quality of the care provided to the child. The manager is also reviewing the child's individual goals, progress, and the impact that staff practice has on helping the child reach these outcomes.

Staff understanding of safeguarding procedures has improved. Staff demonstrate an awareness of safeguarding frameworks and their role in protecting children. Regular safeguarding discussions take place in team meetings, which helps promote good practice.

When children are missing from home, staff make good efforts to search for them and contact relevant safeguarding agencies. Follow-up conversations are held with children which explore how they are feeling and identify strategies to keep themselves safe. Management oversight of missing is effective and considers both the child's experiences and staff practice.

Staff engage with reflective practice following significant incidents. Supervision is used to identify and address individual training needs, and staff value the additional training. For example, one member of staff said that they were well supported with additional training after they supported a child during an emotive incident well.

When children raise concerns about staff practice, these are taken seriously. Appropriate referrals are made to external safeguarding agencies, and immediate action is taken to ensure that children feel safe and supported. Following investigations, children are provided with feedback, helping them to feel listened to and involved.

Staff say that they enjoy working in the home and that they have built positive relationships with the child. They value the support that is provided by leaders and managers.

Children's bedrooms have been an area of development. The child who lives at the home showed their bedroom to the inspector with pride and spoke enthusiastically about how they had personalised the space. The child's bedroom was clean and well presented, providing a calm and welcoming environment.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
14/10/2025	Full	Requires improvement to be good
30/07/2024	Full	Good
01/08/2023	Full	Requires improvement to be good
31/10/2022	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(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 quality and purpose of care standard is that children receive care from staff who— understand the children's home's overall aims and the outcomes it seeks to achieve for children; use this understanding to deliver care that meets children's needs and supports them to fulfil their potential. (Regulation 6 (1)(a)(b)) In particular, the registered person must ensure that staff support children to have positive routines.	18 April 2026

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2620261

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Budwood Limited

Registered provider address: Malvern View, Hanbury Road, Stoke Prior,
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Responsible individual: Neil Gray

Registered manager: Lynsey Hibberd

Inspector

Minnette Sims, Social Care Inspector

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