

2625941

Registered provider: Active Young People Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is operated by a private provider. It provides care for up to 9 children with learning disabilities.

Five children were living in the home at the time of the inspection. Four children were observed or spoken with during the inspection.

The manager registered with Ofsted in April 2023.

Inspection date: 9 March 2026

This monitoring visit

During an assurance inspection on 10 February 2026, inspectors found serious and widespread concerns. Failures in safeguarding practice and the leadership and management of the home negatively affected the children's safety and protection. In response, Ofsted issued 3 compliance notices under regulation 12, the protection of children standard, regulation 13, the leadership and management standard, and regulation 32, fitness of workers. Several additional requirements were issued.

This monitoring visit took place to assess the provider's progress in meeting the compliance notices.

Children's plans, including risk assessments and behaviour support plans, have been reviewed and updated with relevant information. This ensures that staff have the accurate guidance needed to provide care and support for children.

Leaders have improved their oversight of staffing arrangements. This includes ensuring that there are sufficient staff on duty to meet the children's needs, along with ensuring that those children with complex health needs are supported by staff with the required training.

All staff, including non-permanent workers, now receive practice-related supervision. Team meetings are scheduled to enable those who work regularly in the home to attend, providing opportunities to reflect on practice and share learning. Since the last inspection, a team meeting has been held focusing on the whistleblowing procedure, ensuring that staff understand how to recognise, respond to, and report concerns.

Leaders have improved recruitment systems for all staff, including temporary and agency workers. However, the manager does not yet have oversight of the required recruitment information, which means there is still no assurance that all staff have been recruited in line with safer recruitment practices. In addition, not all staff hold the appropriate qualification or are working towards completing it. Leaders are aware of this shortfall, but it is yet to be resolved.

The manager followed up on a complaint made on behalf of a child from the last inspection. This provided reassurance that the concerns were taken seriously and that safeguarding arrangements were appropriately followed.

The home's statement of purpose has been revised and submitted to Ofsted; this now includes non-permanent staff who work in the home regularly.

The manager has ensured that children have access to all areas of their home that are safe. Children can access food items from their kitchenette, which is now restocked daily. There is an old commercial kitchen which is not safe for children to access. Leaders are aware of this issue, which forms part of the provider's plans to change the environment in which children are living.

The steps within the compliance notices have been met. In addition, 3 requirements raised at the last inspection have also been met. One requirement has been restated. One recommendation was not considered and is therefore restated. An additional recommendation has been raised.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
10/06/2025	Full	Good
07/08/2024	Full	Requires improvement to be good
28/06/2023	Full	Requires improvement to be good
25/05/2022	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 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 within the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
The registered person must recruit staff using recruitment procedures that are designed to ensure children's safety. The registered person may only— employ an individual to work at the children's home; or if an individual is employed by a person other than the registered person to work at the home in a position in which the individual may have regular contact with children, allow that individual to work at the home, if the individual satisfies the requirements in paragraph (3). The requirements are that— the individual is of integrity and good character; the individual has the appropriate experience, qualification and skills for the work that the individual is to perform; the individual is mentally and physically fit for the purposes of the work that the individual is to perform; and full and satisfactory information is available in relation to the individual in respect of each of the matters in Schedule 2. For the purposes of paragraph (3)(b), an individual who works in the home in a care role has the appropriate qualification if, by the relevant date, the individual has attained— the Level 3 Diploma for Residential Childcare (England) ("the Level 3 Diploma"); or	1 May 2026

a qualification which the registered person considers to be equivalent to the Level 3 Diploma.

The relevant date is—

in the case of an individual who starts working in a care role in a home after 1st April 2014, the date which falls 2 years after the date on which the individual started working in a care role in a home; or

in the case of an individual who was working in a care role in a home on 1st April 2014, 1st April 2016.

The registered person may defer the relevant date if the individual—

does not work, or has not worked, in a care role in a home for a prolonged period; or

works, or has worked, in a care role in a home on a part-time basis.

(Regulation 32 (1) (2)(a)(b) (3)(a)(b)(c)(d) (4)(a)(b) (5)(a)(b) (6)(a)(b))

Recommendations

- The registered person should ensure that staff record information on individual children in a non-stigmatising way. 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 they make suitable arrangements to manage any medication. These are fundamentally the same sorts of arrangements as a good parent would make but are subject to additional safeguards. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 35, paragraph 7.13)

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: 2625941

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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