

2633818

Registered provider: Positive Homes for Positive Futures Ltd

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is owned by a charity and provides care for up to three children who may experience social and emotional difficulties.

The manager registered with Ofsted in October 2024.

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

Inspection date: 5 February 2026

Date of last inspection: 24 September 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 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.

Since the last inspection, one child has moved on from the home to return to live with family. Managers and staff supported this planned move and remain in contact with the child.

The child currently living at the home says that they are happy and feel safe. They enjoy positive relationships with staff. Staff are supporting the child to develop their independence skills and a weekly independence plan helps the child to understand what is expected of them.

Staff understand the importance of education for children. The child has been supported to identify a suitable education programme. Staff help the child to maintain positive routines and take part in social and educational activities. This includes online learning, going to the gym and playing badminton.

Staff understand the child's individual risks and vulnerabilities. Plans set out clear actions for staff to take to minimise online safety concerns. Staff regularly check devices to ensure that the child is not at risk or communicating with individuals who may pose a risk to them. Staff talk to the child to help them understand the risks posed by online interactions.

Concerns in relation to self-harm are understood by staff. When risks increased, staff took appropriate action to ensure the child's safety. However, plans do not accurately reflect the level of concern or clearly identify the actions staff need to take to manage risks. However, the child did not experience harm because of the shortfall in recording.

Staff support the child to express their views, wishes and feelings and these are responded to appropriately. For example, when the child expressed a wish for their safety plans to be amended, staff supported them to share these views with other professionals. Decisions to reduce safeguarding measures were then made within a multi-agency forum.

The child has been missing from home on one occasion. Staff responded promptly and took appropriate action to search for the child. The placing authority, police and family members were informed without delay. When the child returned, staff welcomed them home and sensitively explored their reasons for going missing.

Staff receive training to support them in recording information about children in a personal and supportive way. The manager maintains oversight of the work staff complete and effective systems are in place to monitor the quality of practice.

Three of the requirements raised at the last inspection have been fully met.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
24/09/2025	Full	Requires improvement to be good
09/07/2024	Full	Good
23/08/2023	Full	Requires improvement to be good
30/11/2022	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, 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 protection of children standard is that children are protected from harm and enabled to keep themselves safe. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that staff— assess whether each child is at risk of harm, taking into account information in the child's relevant plans, and, if necessary, make arrangements to reduce the risk of any harm to the child. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(a)(i)) In particular, the registered person must ensure that when children are missing from home, staff take action to search for them and locate them without delay. Ensure that known addresses are assessed to ensure children's safety is not compromised. The registered person must ensure that children's plans include clear guidance for staff to follow in response to children's known risks.	29 April 2026
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 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;	29 April 2026

understand the impact that the quality of care provided in the home is having on the progress and experiences of each child and use this understanding to inform the development of the quality of care provided in the home;

use monitoring and review systems to make continuous improvements in the quality of care provided in the home. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(a)(f)(h)

In particular, the registered person must ensure that management oversight identifies shortfalls in practice, the impact of any shortfalls on children and drives changes to improve practice in the home.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2633818

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: positive homes for positive futures ltd

Registered provider address: Positive Futures, 181 Townsend Lane, Clubmoor, Liverpool, L13 9DY

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Registered manager: Kelly Gray

Inspector

Anna Belshaw, Social Care Inspector

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