

2641790

Registered provider: A-Triangle Care Limited

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is operated by a private company. It provides care for up to 2 children who experience social and emotional difficulties and have learning difficulties.

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

The registered manager post has been vacant since January 2026.

Inspection dates: 1 and 2 April 2026

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people, taking into account	good
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How well children and young people are helped and protected	good
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The effectiveness of leaders and managers	good
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The children's home provides effective services that meet the requirements for good.

Date of last inspection: 9 July 2025

Overall judgement at last inspection: inadequate

Enforcement action since last inspection:

This home was judged inadequate at the full inspection on 9 and 10 July 2025. Following the inspection, a compliance notice was issued under The Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 regulation 13, the leadership and management standard.

A monitoring visit was carried out on 28 August 2025. Following this visit, a case review was held where the compliance notice was deemed to have been met.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
09/07/2025	Full	Inadequate
10/04/2024	Full	Good
04/07/2023	Full	Good
26/04/2022	Full	Requires improvement to be good

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

Since the last inspection, leaders and managers have implemented positive changes. This has resulted in an improvement in the quality of care provided to the child living at the home.

Staff and managers work with relevant professionals and parents to ensure that there is a wraparound approach to supporting the child's progress in line with their individual targets and goals.

The child is supported to build positive relationships with staff. Staff treat them with dignity and respect. Staff spoke fondly about the child and the progress they have made.

When the child moved into the home they were welcomed sensitively. Leaders and managers completed robust assessments prior to agreeing for the child to move in. This demonstrates a child centred approach to assessing their needs and ensuring that staff have the skills, training and experience to meet the needs of the child.

Staff welcome the child's family to the home and maintain regular contact with them to ensure that they are up to date on the child's progress. Staff support the child to see their friends. This enables the child to maintain relationships with people who are important to them.

Staff support the child to take part in meaningful activities in and out of the home. When possible, the child is supported to enjoy activities in the community such as the beach, trampoline park and beauty appointments.

The child is not currently attending a school. The manager and staff are working with parents, the placing authority and education providers to ensure that they have access to a suitable education provision. Staff support in-house education and work with a home tutor to provide education whilst a suitable provision is being identified.

Staff ensure that the child's health needs are met. They are registered with all relevant health providers such as the dentist and doctors and attend routine appointments. When urgent medical care or specific health input is required, staff ensure that the child has access to this.

How well children and young people are helped and protected: good

When the child raises concerns, they are suitably explored and acted upon. Leaders and managers involve the relevant professionals and the child is kept informed of the outcome of any investigations. Staff understand the whistleblowing process and put this into practice when needed.

Support plans and risk assessments are detailed documents. They are regularly reviewed and updated and staff understand the child's needs. Plans include clear strategies and guidance for staff to provide consistent care and support to the child.

When it is necessary to hold the child to keep them safe, it is reasonable and proportionate. Staff are trained to undertake this safely. Children and staff are supported to reflect on the incident afterwards. Follow up sessions take place with the child to explore their emotions and support their welfare. Leaders and managers have effective oversight of incidents to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the measure used and to identify any triggers, updates needed to support plans and to support staff development.

The child feels able to speak to staff and share their feelings when they have caused harm to themselves. On such occasions, staff offer first aid and emotional support to the child. In addition, staff seek support from external medical and wellbeing professionals when necessary to support the child.

Individual support sessions take place regularly with the child. Some sessions are completed reactively following incidents to support the child to reflect and to support their emotional wellbeing. Other sessions are planned and help the child prepare for upcoming events and to express their wishes and feelings. Staff use their positive relationships with the child to discuss topics which they may find difficult to talk about.

When errors have occurred in the administration of medication, suitable action has been taken to improve administration processes. However, medication records do not include the reasons why pain medication or non-routine medication such as antibiotics are required. This limits staff ability to monitor the effectiveness of the medication.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

There have been changes to the leadership and management of the home since the last inspection and these arrangements are still being embedded. However, there is evidence of improvement. A new manager is in post and has submitted an application to register with Ofsted. She is supported by senior managers and works closely with the previous manager to ensure that an effective and well-planned handover is in place.

Leaders and managers have implemented systems to improve staff development. They also have systems in place to ensure that they have effective oversight of the day-to-day running of the home.

A new staff team is now in place who are working together to build relationships and provide stability and consistency for the child. The child's parents said, 'Staff are fantastic and dedicated to [child's name]'. When agency staff or staff from other homes within the company are used, these are regular staff who know the child. This ensures that the child is cared for by familiar and trusted staff.

Staff supervisions take place regularly and are child centred. They are used to identify lessons learnt, address practice issues, support staff development and drive improvements.

Staff have completed a range of training to support their development and to meet the child's individual needs. In addition to formal training, leaders and managers use team meetings to deliver sessions on relevant topics to support staff learning and development.

What does the children's home need to do to improve?

Recommendations

- The registered person should ensure that records are kept of the administration of all medication, which includes occasions when prescribed medication is refused and the reason why medication is administered. ('Guide to the Children's Home Regulations'. Page 35, paragraph 7.15)

Information about this inspection

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people, using the 'Social care common inspection framework'. This 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'.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2641790

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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