

2664883

Registered provider: Hull City Council

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is operated by a local authority. It provides care for one child who may experience social and emotional difficulties and/or have learning disabilities.

The manager registered with Ofsted in March 2018.

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

Inspection date: 17 March 2026

Date of last inspection: 27 August 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.

The child has lived at the home since before the last inspection. The child is making progress and feels comfortable living at the home. Staff encourage the child to talk to them about things that are worrying them, and they treat the child with care and respect, speaking positively about them. Staff are committed to giving consistent care.

Changes have been made to staffing to better meet the needs of the child, and this has had a positive effect. The staff team is now consistent and stable, ensuring that the child is able to form warm and trusting relationships with staff, who prioritise their care.

The home is clean, bright and has a homely feel. The child's bedroom has been decorated in line with their personal tastes and interests, and they enjoy spending time there. Staff encourage the child to develop their talents and take part in activities that they enjoy. The child sits with staff regularly, playing their guitars and singing. Staff have also enabled the child to have a pet hamster, which has given the child daily responsibilities.

The child's safety plans are thorough, and staff know the child very well. Staff advocate for the child effectively, and changes have been made to their safety plan in response to the child's wishes, which has contributed to the child being safer. Staff know what to do when the child goes missing from home or comes home under the influence of substances. They work closely with other professionals, and the child's friends and family members whenever there are behaviours that are unsafe. These behaviours have reduced significantly. One professional said the staff went 'over and above' when the child was regularly missing from home and at risk in the community.

Staff have conversations with the child about a range of issues to increase the child's understanding of risks such as cannabis use, vaping, consent and relationships. Staff have worked hard to build relationships with the child's friends and family to ensure that there is a joint approach to safeguarding.

The manager and staff work with external professionals effectively. The manager oversees the running of the home, as well as a second home for the same provider. The manager has oversight of the home using a number of monitoring systems. The manager is supported by a deputy, who spends most of their time at this home, giving stability to the child and the staff. Staff say they enjoy working at the home and feel well supported by managers.

Requirements made at the last inspection have been met. No requirements or recommendations were issued at this inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
27/08/2025	Full	Requires improvement to be good
03/09/2024	Full	Good
29/08/2023	Full	Good
04/07/2022	Full	Good

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2664883

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Hull City Council

Registered provider address: The Guildhall, Alfred Gelder Street, Hull HU1 2AA

Responsible individual: Michael Boddy

Registered manager: Louise Taylor-Deville

Inspector

Amy Groom, Social Care Inspector

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