

2700241

Registered provider: Prosperity Children's Services Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is privately owned. It is registered to provide care for up to two children who may experience social and emotional difficulties.

Two children were living in the home at the time of the inspection.

The manager has applied to register with Ofsted.

Inspection date: 17 March 2026

Date of last inspection: 18 November 2025

Judgement at last inspection: requires improvement to be good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Information about this inspection

At this inspection, the inspectors evaluated:

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

Inspectors have 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, 2 children have remained living in the home. One child has remained settled and is making progress. However, staff have been unable to meet the needs of another child, as a result, the provider has requested that they move out of the home.

Staff understand the importance of education. They ensure that children who are not attending formal schooling are supported to access suitable alternative learning provisions. Additionally, staff use every day experiences to encourage learning and help children develop essential skills. As a result of this consistent support, one child is now gradually reintegrating back into education and is making progress.

The manager maintains appropriate oversight of incidents and ensures that children are only held when it is necessary to keep them safe. They review incident records and provide evaluations that identify actions to support learning. Children and staff are spoken to after incidents to help them reflect and share their views. Children are supported to develop strategies to help them better manage their emotions.

Staff support children to experience positive emotional health and wellbeing. When concerns arise, staff take immediate action to ensure that the home remains safe, and they make timely referrals to external agencies so that children receive additional support when it is needed. However, the manager has not ensured that essential emergency resources, such as ligature cutters, are easily accessible to staff. The manager has acknowledged this shortfall and has now implemented safer arrangements to reduce risk.

Staff understand what actions they should take when children go missing from home. They are proactive in trying to locate children, including searching local areas and contacting relevant family members. When children return, staff are curious about their well-being and talk to the child about where they have been. Information is appropriately shared with professionals and risk assessments are reviewed to ensure that they contain the most current details.

A new manager is in post, oversees the day to day management of the home. The manager ensures that staff receive regular, reflective supervision that supports their learning and development. Team meetings are opportunities to reflect on incidents, and the in-house therapists provide additional support to help staff develop their skills and knowledge.

The home is a large and spacious and children's bedrooms are personalised to their tastes. However, repairs, including damage to children's bedrooms, are not addressed in a timely manner.

The manager has clear systems in place to evaluate the quality of care being provided to children. The manager's audit tool provides a clear evaluation and analysis of care, as well as identifying areas for further development. The manager ensures that actions to improve practice are clear and met within a reasonable timeframe. In addition, the manager welcomes monthly visits from independent visitors and uses their reports to further aid learning and improve practice.

There have been no incidents requiring escalation of strategy meetings for children at risk of harm. It is too early to determine whether the actions taken have resulted in improved outcomes for children. Consequently, the requirement is restated.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
18/11/2025	Full	Requires improvement to be good
29/01/2025	Full	Good
13/02/2024	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 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; have the skills to identify and act upon signs that a child is at risk of harm; manage relationships between children to prevent them from harming each other; understand the roles and responsibilities in relation to protecting children that are assigned to them by the registered person; take effective action whenever there is a serious concern about a child's welfare; and that the home's day-to-day care is arranged and delivered so as to keep each child safe and to protect each child effectively from harm. (Regulation 12 (1)(2)(a)(i)(iii)(iv)(v)(vi)(b)) In particular, leaders and managers should ensure that staff working in the home have the necessary skills, experience and competence to meet the needs of the children and take effective action to de-escalate to promote children's safety.	10 May 2026

This requirement is restated. Additionally, leaders and managers should ensure that ligature cutters are stored safely, in a place where staff can easily access them if required.	
The quality and purpose of care standard In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to— ensure that the premises used for the purposes of the home are designed and furnished so as to— meet the needs of each child; and enable each child to participate in the daily life of the home (Regulation 6(2)(1)(c)(i)(ii)) In particular, leaders and managers should ensure that the home is maintained to a good standard, and repairs are completed in a timely way. Specifically, replacing and repairing broken items in children’s bedrooms and bathrooms, and ensuring that carpets are cleaned. This requirement is restated.	10 May 2026
In meeting the quality standards, the registered person must, and must ensure that staff— seek to involve each child’s placing authority effectively in the child’s care, in accordance with the child’s relevant plans and if the registered person considers, or staff consider, a placing authority’s or a relevant person’s performance or response to be inadequate in relation to their role, challenge the placing authority or the relevant person to seek to ensure that each child’s needs are met in accordance with the child’s relevant plans. In particular, leaders and managers should effectively escalate delays in convening a strategy meeting when a child is at risk of harm. This requirement is restated.	10 May 2026

Children's home details

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Registered provider address: Unit 8, Venus House, Mercury Rise, Altham Business Park, Altham, Accrington BB5 5BY

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