

2712872

Registered provider: Hull City Council

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is operated by a local authority. It provides care for one child who may experience social and emotional difficulties.

The manager registered with Ofsted in November 2024.

One child was living at the home at the time of this inspection. It was not possible to speak with the child during the inspection.

Inspection date: 17 February 2026

Date of last inspection: 3 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 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.

Relationships continue to develop between the child and some staff members. However, the child has told professionals that they do not want to live at the home. Staff understand and strongly advocate for the child's wishes and ensure that the voice of the child is shared with relevant professionals. This helps to inform care planning for the child.

Staff promote healthy lifestyle choices and encourage the child to take part in healthy activities and tasks around the home. This helps the child to develop important independence skills.

Missing-from-home incidents have reduced for the child. When the child does go missing, staff attempt to locate them in the community to ensure that they return home safely. The child has the opportunity to speak to someone independent about why they felt the need to go missing. This helps staff to understand the reasons to support the child in the future.

Clearly written risk assessments and behaviour support plans identify all known risks. These are reviewed and updated regularly.

Staff sometimes need to hold the child to keep them safe, but this physical intervention is only used as a last resort. However, the manager does not always ensure that the child is given the opportunity to discuss their experiences. This prevents the child from being helped to reflect on their feelings after these incidents or share any concerns that they may have.

The manager uses monitoring tools effectively to help to maintain oversight of staff performance. The manager evaluates how staff manage incidents and supports them to learn from these to develop their practice. Staff training is improved by regular input from a clinical psychologist to enhance staff's therapeutic approach to the care that they give to the child.

Staff receive regular supervision sessions; however, the quality of these meetings vary. Records do not always evidence that staff are helped to reflect on their practice and the effect that this has on the child.

Some staff have declined to work at the home after they have struggled when the child is in crisis. When this happens, the manager uses additional non-permanent staff who are known to the child. This provides continuity of care but does not help the child to feel valued.

Most of the requirements and all the recommendations from the previous inspection have been met. However, the manager has not ensured that the home's statement of purpose has been reviewed and submitted to Ofsted. This prevents the regulator from having oversight of the structure and staffing in the home.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
03/09/2025	Full	Requires improvement to be good
29/05/2024	Full	Requires improvement to be good
26/09/2023	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— notify HMCI of any revisions and send HMCI a copy of the revised statement within 28 days of the revision. (Regulation 16 (3)(b)) This requirement is restated.	14 April 2026

Recommendations

- The registered person should ensure that any child who has been restrained is given the opportunity express their feelings about their experience of the restraint as soon as is practicable. In some cases, children may need longer to work through their feelings, so a record that the child has talked about their feelings should be made no longer than 5 days after the incident of restraint. Children should be offered the opportunity to access an advocacy support to help them with this. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 50, paragraph 9.60)
- The registered person should ensure that all staff receive supervision, which allows them to reflect on their practice and the needs of the children assigned to their care. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 61, paragraph 13.2)

Children's home details

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Inspector

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