

2718067

Registered provider: Blue Kite Children Care Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is owned and managed by a private organisation. It provides care for up to four children who may experience social and emotional difficulties.

At the time of the visit, two children were living at the home. Children were not spoken to during the visit.

The post for a registered manager is vacant.

Inspection date: 18 September 2025

This monitoring visit

This visit took place to consider the actions taken by the provider in response to compliance notices served on 29 August 2025. The notices were served under regulation 12 (the protection of children standard) and regulation 13 (the leadership and management standard).

The home has undergone repairs and has been redecorated in several areas. However, following a safeguarding incident, there was a delay in removing damaged televisions. The provider was able to evidence that new televisions had been purchased.

Expectations regarding the management of allegations have been clearly communicated. All managers working at the home are aware that all incidents, including allegations, must be recorded on the provider's system to demonstrate that information has been acted on.

A new manager has been appointed and is working through a detailed induction. At the time of the visit, staff who had been newly appointed were not yet in post. Existing staff members will undergo elements of this induction programme to update their skills and knowledge.

Leaders and managers have carried out briefings to ensure that all staff are fully informed about safeguarding procedures, with particular emphasis on the recording and reporting of incidents and the management of allegations. Staff spoken to during the visit demonstrated a clear understanding of the required actions when handling safeguarding concerns, including allegations and incidents involving physical interventions.

All safeguarding incidents now include a debrief with the child involved and are subject to mandatory management evaluation before the recording process is finalised. Sampled incidents from the visit were documented accurately, with clear evidence of managerial oversight and scrutiny of staff practice.

Children's plans have been revised, and systems are now in place to maintain and update associated chronologies promptly following any incidents. This process was evidenced during the visit. To promote accountability and drive continuous improvement, weekly and monthly audits will be carried out by members of the management team, including the head of care.

Following the visit, it was agreed at a case review that the provider has taken sufficient steps to meet the two compliance notices.

The requirements raised at the full inspection were not considered as part of this visit. These will be reviewed at the next inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
23/04/2025	Full	Requires improvement to be good
05/06/2024	Full	Good
20/11/2023	Full	Requires improvement to be good
05/07/2023	Full	Inadequate

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 with 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— that the premises used for the purposes of the home are designed, furnished and maintained so as to protect each child from avoidable hazards to the child's health. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(d)) Specifically, leaders and managers must ensure that damaged furniture is removed immediately.	6 November 2025
The children's views, wishes and feelings standard is that children receive care from staff who— engage with them; and take their views, wishes and feelings into account in relation to matters affecting the children's care and welfare and their lives. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to— ensure that staff— ascertain and consider each child's views, wishes and feelings, and balance these against what they judge to be in the child's best interests when making decisions about the child's care and welfare; help each child to express views, wishes and feelings;	22 September 2025

help each child to understand how the child's views, wishes and feelings have been taken into account and give the child reasons for decisions in relation to the child; and regularly consult children, and seek their feedback, about the quality of the home's care. (Regulation 7 (1)(b)(c) (2)(a)(i)(ii)(iii)(iv))	
The education standard is that children make measurable progress towards achieving their educational potential and are helped to do so. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that staff— help each child to achieve the child's education and training targets, as recorded in the child's relevant plans; support each child's learning and development, including helping the child to develop independent study skills and, where appropriate, helping the child to complete independent study; understand the barriers to learning that each child may face and take appropriate action to help the child to overcome any such barriers; help a child who is excluded from school, or who is of compulsory school age but not attending school, to access educational and training support throughout the period of exclusion or non-attendance and to return to school as soon as possible; help each child who is above compulsory school age to participate in further education, training or employment and to prepare for future care, education or employment. (Regulation 8 (1) (2)(a)(i)(ii)(iii)(vii)(ix))	22 September 2025
The health and well-being standard is that— the health and well-being needs of children are met; children receive advice, services and support in relation to their health and well-being; and	22 September 2025

children are helped to lead healthy lifestyles.

In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure—

that staff help each child to—

achieve the health and well-being outcomes that are recorded in the child's relevant plans;

that each child has access to such dental, medical, nursing, psychiatric and psychological advice, treatment and other services as the child may require.

(Regulation 10 (1)(a)(b)(c) (2)(a)(i)(c))

Information about this inspection

The purpose of this visit was to monitor the action taken and the progress made by the children's home since its last Ofsted inspection.

This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2718067

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Blue Kite Children Care Limited

Registered provider address: West Midlands House Ltd, Gipsy Lane, Willenhall
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Responsible individual: Thomas Haire

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Chibuzo Otache, Social Care Inspector

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