

2718853

South Tyneside Council

Monitoring visit

Information about this children's home

This home is owned and managed by a local authority. It provides care for up to two children who may experience social and emotional difficulties.

There were no children living at the home at the time of the inspection.

The manager position is vacant.

Inspection date: 9 September 2025

This monitoring visit

At a full inspection on 18 June 2025, the home was judged inadequate. Failures in safeguarding and the leadership and management of the home directly affected the safety and well-being of the children. In response, Ofsted issued compliance notices under Regulation 12 (the protection of children standard), Regulation 13 (the leadership and management standard) and Regulation 14 (the care planning standard). A further two requirements were also raised.

On 12 August 2025, a monitoring visit took place to review the actions taken by the provider in response to the compliance notices. The remaining requirements and recommendation were not assessed at this monitoring visit. The inspector found that the responsible individual met two of the six steps. Therefore, compliance notices were reissued under regulations 12 and 13.

At this monitoring visit, Ofsted found that leaders have taken sufficient action and all steps in the compliance notices have been met. The remaining requirements and recommendation were not assessed at this visit.

Staff continue to work in other homes across the local authority. Support for staff includes extra training, covering a broad range of topics, such as safeguarding, child exploitation and supporting vulnerable teenagers. They have also had access to coaching from senior members of staff and managers who have helped them develop their knowledge and skills while working in the other homes.

The responsible individual has increased their oversight and input into the homes with more visits, speaking to staff, meeting with managers and having oversight of safeguarding documentation. This has allowed themes, patterns and issues to be identified at an earlier opportunity. This level of senior leader oversight is to be replicated at this home once operational again.

The local authority is developing strategies to use across all the homes in the area, including a practice model, enabling the managers to hold development days and seek input from other organisations and professionals to enhance the care provided to the children. This will develop more consistent practice in the long term.

As there are no children living in the home, it was not possible to speak to them about their experiences or what the changes have meant for them. It was also not possible to view any development of risk assessments or care plans. As a result, a requirement has been made, and this will be reviewed at the next inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
18/06/2025	Full	Inadequate
21/01/2025	Full	Requires improvement to be good
27/02/2024	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 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 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— 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. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(a)(i))	31 December 2025
In meeting the quality standards, the registered person must, and must ensure that staff— 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. (Regulation (5)(c))	31 December 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 children are helped to lead healthy lifestyles. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— understand and develop skills to promote the child's well-being. (Regulation 10 (a)(b)(c) (2)(iv))	31 December 2025

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: 2718853

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: South Tyneside Council

Registered provider address: South Tyneside Council, Town Hall, Westoe Road,
South Shields NE33 2RL

Responsible individual: Darren Bird

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Miriam Dolman, Social Care Inspector

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