

2732129

Registered provider: Westmorland and Furness Council

Full inspection

Inspected under the Social Care Common Inspection Framework

Information about this children's home

This home is owned and managed by a local authority. It provides care for up to 4 children who experience social and emotional difficulties.

The home has been registered with Ofsted since 1 April 2023. The manager registered with Ofsted on 4 March 2025.

At the time of this inspection, there were 3 children living in the home. The inspector spoke to all children.

Inspection dates: 9 and 10 June 2026

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people, taking into account	good
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How well children and young people are helped and protected	good
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The effectiveness of leaders and managers	good
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The children's home provides effective services that meet the requirements for good.

Date of last inspection: 10 March 2026

Overall judgement at last inspection: requires improvement to be good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
10/03/2026	Full	Requires improvement to be good
13/01/2025	Full	Good
17/10/2023	Full	Good

Summary of findings

Children are settled in a home that is welcoming and filled with photographs of children doing activities. Children spend time with people who are important to them.

Children have access to advocacy and emotional and wellbeing support, which supports them to feel confident and share their views.

Staff know how to keep children safe. Children have individualised risk assessments that include effective strategies to manage risks. Online safety is a priority, and children understand how to keep themselves safe online. Staff reflect on incidents to enhance their safeguarding knowledge.

Managers are committed to learning and supporting staff to improve their practice. Staff have regular supervisions and attend weekly team meetings.

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

Since the last inspection, 2 children have experienced positives moves out of the home. Staff supported one child to move into supported living accommodation and one child to return to their family. One new child has moved into the home. This was a planned move. The child is beginning to make progress.

Children are settled and staff provide children with stability. Family members and professionals speak highly of staff and the care they provide for children. One social worker said, 'They [children] are thriving.' This demonstrates that the manager and staff are providing children with consistent and effective care.

The home has a welcoming and homely feel. The environment is decorated with bright colours and furnished to a good standard. Photographs of the children are displayed throughout the home, helping to create a sense of identity for children. Children's bedrooms are personalised to reflect each child's preferences and are decorated with their own belongings. This gives children a sense of belonging.

Staff support children to spend time with their family and people who are important to them. Staff maintain regular communication with children's family members and keep them updated about their child's progress. This helps children to maintain their identity and continue to maintain relationships with the people who are important to them.

Staff encourage children to access services to support them, such as advocacy and emotional and wellbeing team. This helps children to feel confident to share any worries they may have.

How well children and young people are helped and protected: good

Children have individual risk assessments. Staff frequently update risk assessments. This helps to ensure that staff have the most up-to-date information in relation to children's vulnerabilities and risks. Children's risk assessments include strategies for staff to follow in practice. This helps staff to reduce risks to children.

Staff reflect on incidents and share their learning in team meetings. This reflective practice helps staff to continue to make improvements to their safeguarding practices.

Online safety is a priority for staff. Children learn how to keep themselves safe online through discussions in meetings and key-work sessions. Incidents are responded to quickly and appropriate boundaries are in place.

Staff use rewards and consequences to help children understand rules and boundaries. The children are given a choice of consequence. These consequences are proportionate and effective. This helps children to develop positive behaviour.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

The registered manager and 2 deputy managers are caring and ambitious for children. A member of staff said that they feel supported by managers and there is open communication with them.

The registered manager and staff maintain effective relationships with relevant professionals. Communication is praised by professionals. This supports a coordinated approach to meeting children's needs and contributes to providing children with consistent care.

The registered manager has effective review and monitoring systems. These help her to continually improve the quality of care that staff provide for children. The registered manager meets with the deputy managers weekly to discuss incidents, debriefs and strategies to address these. These are shared with staff to ensure that they continually develop their practice to meet children's needs.

Staff receive regular supervision. This provides staff with the opportunity to discuss and reflect on their practice. Staff attend team meetings, which help to support their development. Team meetings also provide staff with the opportunity to share good practice.

Information about this inspection

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people, using the social care common inspection framework. This 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'.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2732129

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered manager: Kate Spence

Inspector

Karen Andrews, Social Care Inspector

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