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Registered provider: A-Triangle Care Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This is a privately owned home that provides care for up to two children who may be experiencing social and emotional difficulties.

At the time of the inspection, one child was living in the home.

There has been no registered manager since January 2026.

Inspection date: 19 February 2026

Date of last inspection: 8 July 2025

Judgement at last inspection: requires improvement to be good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Information about this inspection

At these inspections, the inspector 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.

Staff understand the child's specific needs and individual risks, these are detailed in dedicated plans which give clear information, guidance and strategies for staff to follow. Plans are frequently updated and staff understand these plans and put them into practice to provide consistent care to the child.

The child is supported to attend routine health appointments. When they refuse to attend, the reason for this is explored with them and they are encouraged to understand why attending health appointments is important.

The child is not currently attending school. Staff support in-home learning and there are plans for a home tutor to begin. The manager and staff are working with the placing authority and school placement to ensure that there are arrangements in place to support the child to return to education.

When there are concerns around risks associated with a child's behaviour, the manager and staff are working with all relevant professionals such as the police, the placing authority and the child and youth justice service to share information to provide a wraparound approach to providing support for the child.

Staff complete individual support sessions with the child. These sessions are meaningful and are used to discuss key events and to help the child to understand risk. They are also used to help the child explore their emotions and to talk about topics such as the importance of school attendance, keeping safe, and developing positive relationships.

When staff believe there is a risk to the child or to the welfare of others, they carry out room searches. The child is spoken to about these searches. On the occasions when items of harm have been found in the child's bedroom, staff have removed these and spoke to the child about the risks of having these items. Relevant professionals are also notified.

When the child is missing from the home, staff are taking proactive action to search for them to help them to return home as quickly as possible. The work with the police, the child's social worker, and parents to support the child to safely return home. When the child does return home, staff are demonstrating professional curiosity to attempt to identify where they have been and who with and they also ensure that an independent return home interview takes place. The manager has a detailed overview of all episodes of missing and evaluates the effectiveness of staff actions and identifies any trends or new behaviours.

There is a new manager in post who has not yet submitted her application to Ofsted. The manager has created systems to ensure that she has effective oversight of the day-to-day a management of the home.

Leaders and managers have effective internal and external monitoring systems in place to ensure that they can identify any areas for development and drive improvements.

Since the last inspection, staff have completed a wide variety of training to ensure that they have the knowledge and skills to support the child's specific needs. In addition to this, leaders and managers have completed suitable safeguarding training to ensure that they are able to follow the correct processes should a safeguarding concern arise.

Team meetings take place often and are well attended by the team. They are child-focused and used to share information and updates on the child. They are also used as a training and development opportunity for staff. These meetings are interactive and are an opportunity to explore staff understanding of relevant topics and to enhance their skills and knowledge.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
08/07/2025	Full	Requires improvement to be good
23/10/2024	Full	Good
19/03/2024	Full	Good

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2741405

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: A-Triangle Care Limited

Registered provider address: 5 Crescent East, Hardhorn Road, Thornton-Cleveleys, Lancashire FY5 3LJ

Responsible individual: Kelly Jones

Registered manager: post vacant

Inspector

Katie Tomlinson, Social Care Inspector

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