

2744719

Registered provider: Therapeutic Care Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is operated by a private provider and provides care for up to 2 children with social and/or emotional difficulties.

At the time of this inspection, 2 children were living at the home, and they spoke to the inspector.

The manager registered with Ofsted in June 2025.

Inspection date: 17 March 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 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.

Since the last inspection, one child has moved into the home. The manager considered the needs and compatibility of both children, alongside the skills and experience of the staff team. As a result, the child has been supported to settle in well and has established positive relationships.

Staff place a strong emphasis on education. Both children are engaged in full-time education in settings that are appropriate to their individual needs and abilities. This supports their progress and development.

Children's physical and emotional health is well supported. Staff respond effectively to routine and unexpected health needs, ensuring that children have access to the most appropriate care. Children also benefit from access to the organisation's therapist, which enhances their emotional wellbeing.

Staff respond appropriately when children go missing from home. Staff are proactive in trying to locate children and report them missing to the relevant agencies, including the police. This supports a quick and safe return.

When children raise concerns about staff conduct, the leadership team takes concerns seriously and refers them to the relevant professionals, including the local authority designated officer.

The manager ensures that risk management plans and missing-from-home procedures for children are in place and are regularly reviewed. They identify the relevant risks. However, guidance for staff on how to manage these risks is not always clear. Despite this, staff responses show appropriate and effective practice to safely support children.

Safer recruitment practices are in place. However, there was a Disclosure and Barring Service certificate missing from one file, and specific dates of applicants' employment histories are not consistently recorded. This limits the manager's ability to explore gaps in employment and fully assess the applicant's suitability.

There is a stable staff team. Staff have access to a wide range of training opportunities, and the manager ensures that they are equipped to meet any emerging needs of children.

Staff have regular supervision sessions that provide opportunities to discuss children's needs and progress. The manager also uses this time to test and enhance staff knowledge, which supports consistent care for children.

Team meetings support effective information-sharing and help to ensure that staff have a consistent understanding of safeguarding practices. The manager works effectively with relevant agencies, sharing information and collaborating to safeguard children and promote their wellbeing.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
08/07/2025	Full	Requires improvement to be good
13/08/2024	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(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 within the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
The registered person must recruit staff using recruitment procedures that are designed to ensure children's safety. The registered person may only— employ an individual to work at the children's home; or if an individual is employed by a person other than the registered person to work at the home in a position in which the individual may have regular contact with children, allow that individual to work at the home, if the individual satisfies the requirements in paragraph (3). The requirements are that— the individual is of integrity and good character; the individual has the appropriate experience, qualification and skills for the work that the individual is to perform; the individual is mentally and physically fit for the purposes of the work that the individual is to perform; and full and satisfactory information is available in relation to the individual in respect of each of the matters in Schedule 2. (Regulation 32 (1) (2)(a)(b) (3)(a)(b)(c)(d)) In particular, the registered person must ensure that all staff working in the home have an up-to-date Disclosure and Barring Service check. Additionally, the registered person must ensure that applicants provide a full employment history with clear, specific dates so that any gaps in employment can be appropriately explored.	14 April 2026

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that when implementing new risk assessments and missing-from-home processes, the strategies included are clear, directive and scenario-based. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 42, paragraph 9.5)

Children's home details

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Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Responsible individual: Guy Sharrocks

Registered manager: Matthew Livingstone

Inspector

Shauna Morley, Social Care Inspector

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