

2769395

Registered provider: Champion Children (NW London) Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This privately run home provides care for up to 5 children with emotional difficulties.

The registered manager resigned in November 2025. A new manager is in post. They have applied to register with Ofsted.

Inspection date: 25 March 2026

Date of last inspection: 26 August 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, 2 children have moved out and one child has moved in. At the time of the inspection, 3 children were living at the home.

The new manager is nurturing and strives to build connections with children. The manager shows staff how to respond to children in a therapeutic way. There is clear improvement in the records, which demonstrates how staff are developing their practice.

All children are either at college, mainstream school or have a bespoke learning package. In the evening, there is a smell of food being prepared and children can be heard playing in the garden. Two children were seen briefly. Both appeared to be relaxed and comfortable at the home.

Children are rarely involved in incidents. When these occasionally occur, staff respond appropriately. One staff member noticed items in a child's bedroom which made them feel worried. They immediately spoke to the manager, who took further action. The manager noticed that the child had been using their mobile device inappropriately. There was a multi-agency response, including safer internet boundaries being imposed. The manager has spent time with the child to understand the reasons for the incident. This reduces the likelihood of a similar incident happening again.

Since the last inspection, there have been no incidents of children going missing from the home. The children have detailed missing-from-home risk assessments that explain each child's individual needs. Managers have helped staff to understand their roles in relation to children being missing from home. The manager has recently held a team meeting where scenarios were used as a learning exercise. Staff were asked to consider what else could have been done in these incidents. This gives staff real examples of previous poor practice and how this can be avoided.

Staff understand how to administer medication. When issues have arisen, they have been resolved quickly. One child was prescribed a small amount of medication for a long-term condition. When the medication ran out, the new prescription was not ready. This has gradually been resolved and recently the child has been prescribed a larger amount of medication to prevent this from reoccurring.

The staff are more interested in children. Staff are initiating connections with children rather than expecting children to do this. A record of a key-work session demonstrates that a staff member knew the subject might be difficult for the child to discuss. Staff used a thoughtful and tactile approach where they were attuned to the child's feelings. However, most key-work sessions are recorded by two or three

people and are recorded as being process led. This means the whole staff team does not yet reflect nurturing practice.

Allegations are responded to effectively. There is a fair and proportionate approach that is rooted in the investigations. When necessary, staff probation periods have been ended. One investigation involved two concerns with the previous manager. These were thoroughly investigated. However, this outcome was not communicated with the local authority designated officer. This does not ensure multi-agency involvement with the full process.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
26/08/2025	Full	Requires improvement to be good
03/03/2025	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
In meeting the quality standards, the registered person must, and must ensure that staff— seek to develop and maintain effective professional relationships with such persons, bodies or organisations as the registered person considers appropriate having regard to the range of needs of children for whom it is intended that the children's home is to provide care and accommodation. (Regulation 5(d)) In particular, ensure that safeguarding partners are informed of investigation outcomes.	1 May 2026
The quality and purpose of care standard is that children receive care from staff who— understand the children's home's overall aims and the outcomes it seeks to achieve for children; use this understanding to deliver care that meets children's needs and supports them to fulfil their potential. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to— ensure that staff— provide personalised care that meets each child's needs, as recorded in the child's relevant plans, taking account of the child's background. (Regulation 6 (1)(a)(b) (2)(b)(iv)) In particular, ensure that all staff respond to children in nurturing ways.	01 May 2026

Children's home details

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Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Champion Children (NW London) Limited

Registered provider address: County Private Client, Unit 7-8, Moran House, 449-451 High Road, London NW10 2JJ

Responsible individual: Matthew Wakeling

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Hannah Phillips, Social Care Inspector

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