

2794450

Registered provider: Prospera Group Limited

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home registered with Ofsted in November 2024 and is operated by a private provider. It offers care for one child who may experience social and emotional difficulties.

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

The manager registered with Ofsted in September 2025.

Inspection dates: 19 and 20 May 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 September 2025

Overall judgement at last inspection: requires improvement to be good

Enforcement action since last inspection: On 4 November 2025, an assurance inspection was carried out at the home. Serious shortfalls were identified in safeguarding practice and in the leadership and management arrangements in the home.

As a result, Ofsted made the decision to restrict accommodation under section 20B of the Care Standards Act 2000. Compliance notices under regulation 12 (the protection of children standard) and regulation 13 (the leadership and management standard) were also issued.

On 28 November 2025, a monitoring visit was carried out. The compliance notices had not been met. The notice restricting accommodation remained in place.

On 20 January 2026, a further monitoring visit was carried out. The compliance notices had been met, and the provider had complied with the notice restricting accommodation.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
10/09/2025	Full	Requires improvement to be good
29/04/2025	Full	Inadequate

Summary of findings

The child living at the home has made good progress from their starting point. A stable staff team is in place. The child has trusted relationships with staff. The manager has high expectations and is focused on continued development for herself and staff.

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

The child is cared for by staff who place them at the centre of their practice. Achievements are recognised and celebrated, and memories are captured through photos displayed around the home. Since moving into the home, the child has participated in new experiences, including open water swimming, where they overcame a fear of swimming in the sea. The child described this experience as making them feel 'alive'. This helps the child feel valued and provides an important record of their experiences.

The child has developed trusting relationships with staff. Staff use various approaches to support the child when they are distressed, including going for walks, baking, and engaging in arts and crafts. The child speaks with staff about their feelings, and staff respond consistently in line with the child's individual support plan. This helps the child feel secure and settled.

The child is supported to manage their emotions, with specialist support, such as dialectical behaviour therapy, in place. The child is supported to attend all appointments. Staff attend additional group sessions to understand the child's experiences and the support required. Learning from these sessions is reviewed and shared with staff, and plans are updated as necessary to ensure a consistent approach.

The child is encouraged to develop their confidence. This includes involvement in the recruitment and selection of staff for a charitable organisation. The child was praised for their professionalism, asking insightful questions and recording the responses.

The child's relationships with their family members are valued and supported by staff. Managers and staff recognise the importance of these relationships, and family members have been able to enjoy overnight stays with the child. This helps to maintain strong family connections and promotes a sense of permanence, belonging and acceptance.

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

The child is safeguarded. Incidents and behaviours, including going missing from home and property damage, have significantly reduced. As a result of this reduction in risk, involvement from professionals such as youth justice services is no longer required.

The child has plans in place that outline their risks, behaviours and the support required from staff to minimise these risks and keep them safe. The child has been involved in developing these plans, alongside input from specialist services, such as psychology.

The child is supported by staff who understand their roles and responsibilities. When concerns arise regarding the child's low mood or risk of self-harm, staff take appropriate action to reduce risks and ensure their safety. However, room searches are not always accurately recorded, which has resulted in occasions when the child has had access to items such as glass without staff knowledge. This is a missed opportunity to identify and address shortfalls in practice.

Incidents where the child becomes upset are generally managed well. On one occasion, when staff were temporarily locked out of the home, the manager clearly identified shortfalls in staff practice and addressed them. The child was unharmed, and staff managed the situation in line with the child's behaviour support plan.

Incidents requiring physical intervention are rare. When they occur, restraint is used as a last resort to ensure the child's safety. These interventions have been proportionate and necessary. The child has been provided with opportunities to discuss the incidents, and staff have had opportunities to reflect on their practice.

Safer recruitment practices are followed to ensure that new staff are safe to work with children.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

The manager is supported by the responsible individual, with whom they meet weekly to review the child's progress. In addition, regular discussions take place to consider any identified shortfalls and areas for development.

Since the last inspection, managers have taken action to address the identified shortfalls and have used this learning to improve practice. A new independent visitor has been appointed, and an external organisation has been commissioned to provide advice, support and guidance to staff. This input is used to review and revise the child's behaviour and risk management plans.

Managers take decisive action when issues arise in the staff team. Rotas have been adapted to enable staff to work alongside a range of colleagues, promoting consistency and strengthening practice. Training remains up to date and is aligned with the child's needs, supporting the ongoing development of staff practice.

Managers work proactively with partner agencies to ensure that practice is well coordinated and focused on the child's needs. They implement carefully planned and thoughtful approaches to endings, including stepping down involvement from professionals when support is no longer required. This is managed sensitively, taking into account the child's individual needs and avoiding any sense of rejection.

The manager maintains clear oversight of incidents, including reviewing staff reflections alongside the child's views on what went well and any areas for improvement. This enables the manager to identify any shortfalls in staff practice and any additional training needs.

Staff receive regular supervision, attend team meetings and say they are supported in their roles. Supervision provides opportunities for reflection, while team meetings enable staff to share information, reflect collectively and review the child's progress. This ensures that the quality of care provided to the child is consistently monitored and strengthened.

The requirements raised at the full inspection have been met.

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 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; have the skills to identify and act upon signs that a child is at risk of harm; understand the roles and responsibilities in relation to protecting children that are assigned to them by the registered person; take effective action whenever there is a serious concern about a child's welfare; and are familiar with, and act in accordance with, the home's child protection policies; that the effectiveness of the home's child protection policies is monitored regularly. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(a)(i)(iii)(v)(vi)(vii)) Specifically, ensure that children's risk assessments accurately detail the specific actions for staff to take to mitigate or respond to risks. In addition, ensure that children's bedrooms are clear of hazards and that all room searches are documented in full.	6 July 2026

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: 2794450

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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