

# 2796537

Registered provider: Westmoreland Care Group Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

## Information about this children's home

The home is operated by a private company. It provides care for up to 2 children who experience social and emotional difficulties.

At the time of this inspection, one child was living at the home. The inspector spoke with the child as part of the inspection.

The home and manager registered with Ofsted in September 2024.

**Inspection date: 18 March 2026**

**Date of last inspection:** 9 December 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, the manager has implemented an improvement plan that has successfully overcome the shortfalls identified at that inspection.

The child lives in a warm, comfortable, and nurturing environment. The child has access to a large garden, kitchen and living room. The home features photos of the child having fun with staff members. The child has been able to personalise their bedroom.

The child is currently not accessing formal education. The manager has escalated concerns regarding their education options, and a multi-agency plan is now in place to identify a suitable provision. Staff are currently delivering home-based learning to the child as an interim measure. A structured timetable has been created to support a consistent routine, with a focus on daily educational activities and the development of independence skills.

The risks the child faces are managed through comprehensive risk assessments, which are regularly reviewed. They are carried out in collaboration with the child and multi-agency partners, who contribute their understanding of the risks involved.

Staff understand strategies to manage the child's behaviour, and they use effective de-escalation techniques to diffuse incidents. Following an incident, the manager ensures clear communication with key stakeholders and, where required, the regulator. This supports transparency and reinforces the safeguarding measures in place. The manager also ensures that referrals to the local authority designated officer are made when necessary.

Staff support the child through strengths-based key-work sessions that are tailored to their individual needs and remain child centred. The sessions cover important topics, such as knife crime, child criminal exploitation, and substance misuse. Staff have also received specialist training linked to the child's specific needs, which has strengthened their ability to understand and manage associated risks.

The registered manager ensures that staff have access to regular team meetings and supervision. This supports the development of the workforce in the home.

Safer recruitment policies are followed. There have been some changes to the staff team since the last inspection. New staff have been appropriately vetted ahead of working in the home.

## Recent inspection history

| Inspection date | Inspection type | Inspection judgement            |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 09/12/2025      | Full            | Requires improvement to be good |
| 05/03/2025      | Full            | Good                            |

## Children's home details

**Unique reference number:** 2796537

**Provision sub-type:** Children's home

**Registered provider:** Westmoreland Care Group Limited

**Registered provider address:** 10 Green Bank Park, Higher Road, Longridge,  
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**Responsible individual:** Remi Tomlinson

**Registered manager:** Jade Varley

## Inspector

Jon Dutton, Social Care Inspector

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