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Registered provider: Gims Care Solutions Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

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

The manager was registered in November 2025.

Inspection date: 9 March 2026

Date of last inspection: 21 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 had moved into the home and 2 children had moved out. At the time of this inspection, there were no children living at the home.

Information about children's progress, needs and emerging concerns is shared regularly with social workers. The staff make sustained efforts to maintain proactive communication. However, responses from the local authority have not always been timely, which has delayed decision-making and planning. Leaders and managers have recognised this and escalated concerns appropriately to ensure children's needs remain prioritised and that effective multi-agency working is maintained.

Children were motivated to attend education and supported to find courses in which they were interested. For example, one child had begun a construction course. Children's attendance was good and they made educational progress.

Staff support children to be aware of risks and manage their safety both at home and in the community. In general, when children go missing from the home, staff respond in line with children's missing-from-home protocols. However, the recording of information for some incidents is unclear and makes it difficult to identify the action taken by staff. On one of these occasions, the child disclosed some concerning information. However, it is unclear what the staff did to locate and support the child.

On occasion, staff have not been vigilant, resulting in one child accessing a room that should have been secure. Staff's personal belongings were accessed, exposing the child to avoidable risk. Leaders and managers identified the lapse in practice and took appropriate steps to reinforce safety expectations with staff.

When there are concerns about staff practice, information is shared with Ofsted and other agencies, such as the local authority designated officer. The registered manager ensures that procedures such as internal investigations are carried out to maintain children's safety.

There have been some senior management team changes since the last inspection, but no other changes to the staff team. The responsible individual has remained a consistent person for staff and children. This has helped to reduce the impact of the change in managers.

The home is managed by a permanent and qualified registered manager, who has developed a good understanding of the home's strengths and areas for development. Since the last inspection, the manager and staff have worked hard to improve the quality of care. As a result, all the previous requirements and recommendations have been met.

Since the last inspection, the manager has arranged additional training for staff, so they understand how to care for the children. This means that the children receive care from staff who are continually improving their practice.

Staff are provided with regular supervision sessions. These are reflective discussions that help the staff to develop new approaches to care for the children.

The staff have regular team meetings that provide opportunities for reflection and sharing ideas. Good staff attendance and engagement support a team approach to caring for the children.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
21/07/2025	Full	Requires improvement to be 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 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; take effective action whenever there is a serious concern about a child's welfare; that the home's day-to-day care is arranged and delivered so as to keep each child safe and to protect each child effectively from harm. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(a)(i)(vi)(b))	8 June 2026

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2798954

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered manager: Michael Mutuku

Inspector

Naomi Starbuck, Social Care Inspector

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