

# 2799971

The Rubix Care Group Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

## **Information about this children's home**

This home is owned and managed by a private provider. It provides 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 inspector spoke to the child.

The manager has applied to register with Ofsted.

**Inspection date: 6 January 2026**

## **This monitoring visit**

On 11 November 2025, Ofsted carried out an assurance inspection. Serious and widespread failures were identified. As a result, compliance notices were issued in relation to regulation 12, the protection of children standard, and regulation 13, the leadership and management standard. This monitoring visit was carried out to review the provider's progress in meeting the compliance notices.

During this visit, Ofsted found improvements had been made and the compliance notices had been met, with clear progress evident. The manager was present during the visit and actively overseeing the day-to-day running of the home.

Since the last inspection, the manager has introduced risk-reduction measures. A new vehicle policy sets out clear expectations and procedures for staff to follow. This policy is consistently applied and has successfully prevented any further incidents of the child gaining unauthorised access to vehicles.

Risk assessments have been fully reviewed and now include all known risks for the child. These provide staff with clear guidance detailing any measures in place to

reduce risks. Behaviour support plans provide practical strategies to help staff respond effectively to any concerns.

On one occasion, the child's whereabouts were unknown when they were away from home. Staff followed agreed plans and responded effectively. The incident has been explored with the child to help staff understand the reasons for them going missing and to inform future support.

The manager is consistently present in the home and has built a positive relationship with the child. Furthermore, he has improved oversight of staff practice and the quality of care the child receives. However, he has not ensured that cleaning and maintenance are adequate, resulting in some areas of the home not being as welcoming as expected.

Staff have completed additional training. Leaders and managers recognise that staff development and training are ongoing processes. They also acknowledge that testing staff knowledge and their understanding of risks is not yet fully embedded.

The child speaks positively about the staff. Staff continue to support the child to access community resources, including the gym. The child is making steady progress from their starting point.

A case review was held on 9 January 2026. It was agreed that, despite some remaining shortfalls, the steps of the compliance notices have been met. One requirement was not reviewed at this visit and is therefore restated.

## Recent inspection history

| Inspection date | Inspection type | Inspection judgement |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 23/04/2025      | 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        |
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| <p>The registered person must ensure that—</p> <p>within 24 hours of the use of a measure of control, discipline or restraint in relation to a child in the home, a record is made which includes—</p> <p>the name of the child;</p> <p>details of the child's behaviour leading to the use of the measure;</p> <p>the date, time and location of the use of the measure;</p> <p>a description of the measure and its duration;</p> <p>details of any methods used or steps taken to avoid the need to use the measure;</p> <p>the name of the person who used the measure ("the user"), and of any other person present when the measure was used;</p> <p>the effectiveness and any consequences of the use of the measure; and</p> <p>a description of any injury to the child or any other person, and any medical treatment administered, as a result of the measure;</p> <p>within 48 hours of the use of the measure, the registered person, or a person who is authorised by the registered person to do so ("the authorised person")—</p> <p>has spoken to the user about the measure; and</p> <p>has signed the record to confirm it is accurate; and</p> | 6 February 2026 |

within 5 days of the use of the measure, the registered person or the authorised person adds to the record confirmation that they have spoken to the child about the measure.

(Regulation 35 (3)(a)(i)(ii)(iii)(iv)(v)(vi)(vii)(viii)(b)(i)(ii)(c))

In particular, the registered person must ensure that any use of physical intervention is recorded within the required timescale and that the child is spoken to about the measure in a timely manner.

## Recommendations

- The registered person should ensure that staff are suitably trained to meet the needs of children living in the home and that their knowledge is tested to ensure that learning is embedded in practice. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 51, paragraph 10.1)
- The registered person should ensure that children are provided with a welcoming and homely domestic environment. This specifically relates to ensuring that there are appropriate cleaning and hygiene systems in place and the manager having adequate oversight of conditions in the home. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 15, paragraph 3.9)

## Information about this inspection

The purpose of this visit was to monitor the action taken and the progress made by the children's home since its last Ofsted inspection.

This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000.

## Children's home details

**Unique reference number:** 2799971

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

**Registered provider:** The Rubix Care Group Ltd

**Registered provider address:** Unit 1 Cottam Lane Business Centre, Cottam Lane, Ashton-on-Ribble, Preston, Lancashire PR2 1JR

**Responsible individual:** Katie Stephens

**Registered manager:** Post vacant

## Inspector

Kitty Wiper, Social Care Inspector

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