

2803078

Registered provider: Sportfit Support Services Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home was registered in October 2024. The home provides care for up to four children who may have social and emotional difficulties. At the time of inspection, there was one child living in the home.

There has been no registered manager since March 2025.

Inspection date: 8 January 2026

This monitoring visit

This visit took place to monitor progress at the home after serious and widespread concerns were found at an assurance inspection in November 2025.

Leaders and managers have made no progress in meeting the compliance notices issued at the last inspection. These notices related to establishing appropriate management arrangements and the home's failure to recruit a suitable manager. As a result, leaders of the organisation have made the decision to close the home.

During the previous assurance inspection, eight requirements were set. Leaders and managers have addressed four of these.

A restriction was imposed after the last inspection, preventing the home from admitting any additional children. The home has complied with this requirement and has not admitted any further children.

Leaders have not recruited a manager with the required experience to lead the home. Attempts to appoint a manager have been unsuccessful, as candidates have not had the necessary experience required for the role by the organisation.

The management arrangements have not improved and remain weak. The home is still being led by the deputy manager, who does not hold the appropriate qualifications or have sufficient experience for the role. The responsible individual lives some distance away; they cannot provide face-to-face support or be present in the home.

The quality of care provided to the child has improved. Staff have put clear boundaries and safeguards in place for the child's internet and phone use, and they have applied these consistently. As a result, the child is sleeping better and taking part in a wider range of activities. On the day of the inspection, the child went out in the morning to go shopping, visit the cinema and meet a family member. However, the home did not have the child's local authority care plan, which is needed to guide the care being provided.

The child has recently started school and is engaging well. Staff are working closely with the relevant professionals to make sure the child's educational needs are met. Because of this support, the child was able to settle in and start school successfully.

Staff are receiving regular supervision. When any practice concerns arise, the deputy manager discusses these with staff and records the actions taken. As a result, staff feel better supported in their roles.

Since the last inspection, safeguarding notifications have been shared in a timely manner. This has allowed Ofsted to maintain prompt oversight of any concerns raised by the home.

Leaders report that they have improved the induction process for staff, for when children move into the home. However, no children have moved in since these changes were made, so this cannot be demonstrated. As a result, the requirement has been restated.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
15/07/2025	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 with the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
*The leadership and management standard is that the registered person enables, inspires and leads a culture in relation to the children's home that— helps children aspire to fulfil their potential; and promotes their welfare. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to— understand the impact that the quality of care provided in the home is having on the progress and experiences of each child and use this understanding to inform the development of the quality of care provided in the home; use monitoring and review systems to make continuous improvements in the quality of care provided in the home. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(f)(h)) In particular, the registered person must ensure that there are suitable management arrangements and effective monitoring systems in place.	31 March 2026
*The registered provider must appoint a person to manage the children's home if— there is no registered manager in respect of the home; and the registered provider— is an organisation or a partnership; If the registered provider appoints a person to manage the home, the registered provider must, without delay, give HMCI notice of—	31 March 2026

the name of the person so appointed; and the date on which the appointment takes effect. (Regulation 27 (1)(a)(b)(i) (2)(a)(b))	
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- provide personalised care that meets each child’s needs, as recorded in the child’s relevant plans, taking account of the child’s background; make decisions about the day-to-day arrangements for each child, in accordance with the child’s relevant plans, which give the child an appropriate degree of freedom and choice. (Regulation 6 (1)(a)(b) (2)(a)(iv)(ix)) This requirement is restated.	31 March 2026
The care planning standard is that children— receive well-planned care from the home; and have a positive experience of admission and transition processes. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that children are admitted to the home only if their needs are within the range of needs of children for whom it is intended	31 March 2026

that the home is to provide care, as set out in the home's statement of purpose. (Regulation 14 (1)(a)(b) (2)(a))

In particular, the registered person must ensure that staff have the required skills and training to meet the needs of children before they move into the home.

This requirement is restated.

*These requirements are subject of a compliance notice.

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that the responsible individual has the capacity to supervise the management of each children's home that they are responsible for. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 60, paragraph 12.4)

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

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Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Chido Mangava, Social Care Inspector

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