

# 2810524

Registered provider: Cascade (Banks House) Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

## Information about this children's home

The home is privately operated. It provides care for up to six children who may have a learning disability and experience social and emotional difficulties.

Two children were living in the home at the time of this inspection, and they were both spoken with.

The provider runs an independent school from a registered building adjoining the home. The inspector only inspected the social care provision on this site.

The home and manager registered with Ofsted in January 2025.

**Inspection date:** 24 November 2025

**Date of last inspection:** 3 June 2025

**Judgement at last inspection:** 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

This inspection was completed following escalating concerns identified in notifications submitted to Ofsted. Ofsted 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, safeguarding incidents have increased. All safeguarding incidents have been notified to Ofsted appropriately. This has allowed the regulator to take appropriate steps to ensure that the safety of the children is prioritised.

Children feel happy and settled. They benefit from a stable team of staff who know them well and understand their individual needs. Staff's consistent approach supports children's emotional well-being and enables them to make progress.

Children's plans and risk assessments are updated regularly. Plans are developed with multi-agency input to support the children's well-being. Staff follow these plans and act to safeguard children against their own identified risks. Staff seek guidance from managers when additional support is required. This approach helps to maintain children's safety and promotes stability within the home.

Staff respond effectively to children's needs and behaviours. They build trusting relationships with children, which helps them to recognise when additional support is required. Children feel safe and confident that staff will act in their best interests.

Leaders and managers are committed to learning and improvement. Documents show detailed managerial oversight. Managers provide reflective commentary that demonstrates consideration of practice and decision-making. Following incidents, managers review practice and identify lessons learned. These are implemented to strengthen the quality of care. This means children continue to receive responsive support.

There has been a small number of medication errors. These were identified promptly and did not result in harm to children. Managers implement additional safeguards to reduce the risk of future errors. This demonstrates a proactive approach to maintaining children's safety and a learning culture.

The home is managed by a suitably qualified manager. Recent management changes, with the other registered manager leaving, have not affected management stability. Additional leadership capacity has been introduced through the appointment of an additional deputy manager and a team leader. This has strengthened support for staff.

The requirements previously issued under Regulation 12 and recommendations were either not met or are yet to be tested. For this reason, the requirement and recommendations were restated. No new requirements or recommendations have been issued.

## Recent inspection history

| Inspection date | Inspection type | Inspection judgement |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 03/06/2025      | 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 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 must comply within the given timescales.

| Requirement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Due date        |
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| <p>The protection of children standard is that children are protected from harm and enabled to keep themselves safe.</p> <p>In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure—</p> <p>that staff—</p> <p>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;</p> <p>understand the roles and responsibilities in relation to protecting children that are assigned to them by the registered person;</p> <p>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.<br/>(Regulation 12 (1) (2)(a)(i)(v)(b))</p> <p>In particular, ensure that when incidents occur, risk assessments and plans are clear about the actions staff must take to keep children safe.</p> <p>Additionally, ensure that children are offered supportive conversations following incidents.</p> <p>This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.</p> | 30 January 2026 |

## Recommendations

- The registered person should ensure that the home complies with relevant health and safety legislation. In particular, ensure that fire doors are not propped open and that they are able to close securely in the frame. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 15, paragraph 3.9)
- The registered person should ensure they gain written consent to use any monitoring or surveillance equipment from the child's placing authority. This includes the use of CCTV. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 16, paragraph 3.16)
- The registered person should ensure that the children's guide helps children to understand how to contact the Office of the Children's Commissioner. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 24, paragraph 4.22)

## Children's home details

**Unique reference number:** 2810524

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

**Registered provider:** Cascade (Banks House) Limited

**Registered provider address:** Unit 2 Therm Road, Hull HU8 7BF

**Responsible individual:** Peter Stillings

**Registered manager:** Dean Prowell

## Inspector

Kate Jackson, Social Care Inspector

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