

2812359

Registered provider: Prosperity Children's Services Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is operated by a private company and is registered to care for up to 2 children with learning disabilities.

The manager registered with Ofsted in December 2024. He also manages another setting.

Inspection date: 22 December 2025

Date of last inspection: 17 June 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.

One child has moved into the home since the last inspection. Managers and staff visited the child in their previous home before they moved in. Leaders and managers ensured that the child's needs align with the care that can be provided, as set out in the home's statement of purpose.

The child has complex needs and is non-verbal. Managers and staff work closely with a multi-disciplinary team of professionals to ensure that the child's needs are safely met. Staff have been provided with training from specialist health professionals to expand their knowledge.

The home provides a comfortable space for the child to live. Adaptations have been made to some areas, including the child's bedroom to ensure that it is safe. A camera to monitor the child at night is in place. The decision to use this level of monitoring was agreed with multi-agency professionals who know the child well. However, written consent from the placing authority has not been obtained.

Staff have a good understanding of the child's specific vulnerabilities. Assessments and support plans are detailed and provide clear guidance to staff about how the child needs to be cared for. Plans include guidance from specialist professionals working with the child.

The child is provided with communication resources and is helped to develop their communication skills. This enables them to make choices and express their views, wishes and feelings.

Staff carefully manage incidents when the child exhibits self-injurious behaviours. Following these incidents, staff keep detailed records and monitor the child's wellbeing. Physical intervention is only used when essential and for the shortest time possible to ensure the child's safety. Managers evaluate these incidents and share any learning with staff.

Managers are knowledgeable and experienced in caring for children with complex needs. They have developed the team to have a mix of experienced staff and others with relevant skills. All staff are enrolled on the relevant qualification. However, pre-employment checks are not consistently thorough. A reference from the previous employer of one member of staff has not been obtained or followed up.

Team meetings are used to explore the child's progress and develop staff's understanding of the care the child needs to receive. An independent person visits the home regularly, allowing for an impartial assessment of the home's arrangements for caring for the child.

All except one of the requirements made at the last inspection have been fully addressed. The requirement has been restated.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
17/06/2025	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 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
The registered person must recruit staff using recruitment procedures that are designed to ensure children's safety. The registered person may permit an individual to start work at the home despite the fact that the requirement in paragraph (3)(d) has not been met if— the registered person has taken all reasonable steps to obtain full information about each of the matters in Schedule 2 in respect of the individual, but the enquiries in relation to any of the matters in paragraphs 3 to 6 of Schedule 2 are incomplete; full and satisfactory information in respect of the individual has been obtained in relation to the matters in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 2; the registered person considers that the circumstances are exceptional; and the registered person ensures that the individual is appropriately supervised while carrying out the individual's duties, pending receipt of any outstanding information on the matters in paragraphs 3 to 6 of Schedule 2, which is then considered satisfactory by the registered person. (Regulation 32 (1) (7)(a)(b)(c)(d)) Specifically, the registered person must ensure that a reference is obtained for the person's most recent employer in a timely way.	19 January 2026
The registered person may only use devices for the monitoring or surveillance of children if— the monitoring or surveillance is for the purpose of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the child concerned, or other children;	19 January 2026

the child's placing authority consents in writing to the monitoring or surveillance; so far as reasonably practicable in the light of the child's age and understanding, the child is informed in advance of the intention to do the monitoring or surveillance; and the monitoring or surveillance is no more intrusive than necessary, having regard to the child's need for privacy. (Regulation 24 (1)(a)(b)(c)(d)) Specifically, the registered person must ensure that written consent for the use of video surveillance in the child's bedroom is obtained from the placing authority, and the necessity is regularly reviewed.	
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— lead and manage the home in a way that is consistent with the approach and ethos, and delivers the outcomes, set out in the home's statement of purpose; ensure that staff have the experience, qualifications and skills to meet the needs of each child. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(a)(c)) Specifically, the registered manager must ensure that staff are provided with support to achieve their qualification at the earliest opportunity. This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.	2 March 2026

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that records relating to children are carefully recorded, accurate and hold the correct information. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 62, paragraph 14.4)

Children's home details

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Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Inspector

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