

2819483

Registered provider: Little Feet LTD

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is registered to provide care for up to 4 children with social and emotional difficulties. At the time of the inspection, there was one child living in the home.

The manager has been in post since September 2025 and has submitted their application to register with Ofsted.

Inspection date: 17 March 2026

Date of last inspection: 8 July 2025

Judgement at last inspection: Requires improvement to be good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Information about this inspection

At these inspections, the inspector(s) evaluated:

- the care of children
- the safety of children
- the effectiveness of leaders and managers.

Inspectors have 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.

The previous regulatory shortfalls identified at the last inspection have all been met.

Since the last inspection, a new manager has been appointed. The children found the change difficult and this led to an unsettled period in the home. Children particularly struggled to adapt to the new boundaries that the manager was trying to implement.

As a result of this, one child's behaviour escalated significantly and they subsequently moved on from the home in an unplanned manner, despite the manager advocating for a more supportive departure. Another child moved on in accordance with the local authority plan, and staff provided positive support as part of this transition.

Subsequently, there was an extended period when no children were living in the home. The manager used this time productively to enhance staff development and to provide important opportunities to reflect with staff on the experiences of the children who had moved on.

Staff turnover has been high, although this has had no impact, as no children were living in the home during this period. The manager identified a knowledge gap between the inexperience of staff and the complexity of children's needs. Consequently, the manager has successfully recruited a number of staff with relevant experience in supporting children.

The staff are developing their working relationships and the manager has clear aims and objectives about what they would like to achieve. The manager is particularly keen to develop staff confidence in everyday decision-making and autonomy.

More recently, a child has moved into the home. Staff were directly involved in the transition process for this child. The manager recognised the importance of working together and of gathering the perspectives of the wider staff team about this child's possible support needs.

This child has settled in very well and there has been a notable reduction in previous risk-taking behaviour. The child's engagement in their education has improved and they have recently started face to face tutoring 4 times per week, engaging in every session so far.

Staff have provided a range of positive experiences and opportunities for this child, and the child has been able to build constructive relationships with staff. The

manager has undertaken some effective work with the child to help them better understand how to improve their peer relationships.

Staff are supporting the child to develop their independence and self-care skills; the child has responded positively to this and is developing an increasing sense of responsibility. For example, the child has been supported to purchase their own food using a weekly budget.

Despite otherwise good practice, regulatory notifications have not been consistently submitted to the regulator in an appropriate timescale, and, too often, confidential information has been included about children, despite numerous requests for this to be redacted.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
08/07/2025	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, 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 registered person must notify HMCI and each other relevant person without delay if— a child is involved in or subject to, or is suspected of being involved in or subject to, sexual exploitation; an incident requiring police involvement occurs in relation to a child which the registered person considers to be serious; there is an allegation of abuse against the home or a person working there; a child protection enquiry involving a child — is instigated; or concludes (in which case, the notification must include the outcome of the child protection enquiry); or there is any other incident relating to a child which the registered person considers to be serious. (Regulation 40 (4)(a)(b)(c)(d)(i)(ii)(e))	19 March 2026

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2819483

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Little Feet LTD

Registered provider address: 101, 46 Station Road, Harrow HA2 7SE

Responsible individual: Errol Edwards

Registered manager: Post Vacant

Inspector

Ashley Edwards, Social Care Regulatory Inspector

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