

2820761

Registered provider: Embrace Care Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is owned by a private company and is registered to provide care for up to 4 children who may have social and emotional difficulties and/or learning difficulties.

There were 4 children living in the home at the time of the inspection.

The home and the manager registered was registered in January 2025.

Inspection date: 5 February 2026

Date of last inspection: 17 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

We did not identify any serious or widespread concerns in relation to the care or protection of children at this assurance inspection.

Staff and children have positive and trusting relationships. Children said that if they have any worries or concerns they can talk to staff who will listen and help.

Children's support plans are detailed documents which provide staff with information and strategies to provide consistent care for children based on their individual needs. These documents are child-focused, and the child's voice can be heard throughout.

Not all children are regularly attending school. Staff are supporting education in the home through tutors. The manager and staff are challenging education providers, virtual schools and placing authorities to advocate for children's rights to a suitable education. Staff have helped one child to raise an official complaint to express their concerns to the relevant professionals about their lack of access to a suitable school.

When the manager has made the difficult decision to end children's placements, they have made informed decisions based on the best interests of the child and taking into account other children living at the home. Following this, the manager completed reflection on the placement and identified lessons learnt with the staff team.

When children have raised concerns, they have been suitably explored. Staff have notified relevant professionals and children have been kept informed of the outcome of their complaint.

When it has been necessary to use physical intervention, it has been reasonable, proportionate. The manager completes a detailed overview of all reports and evaluates the effectiveness of the measure used; they also identify any triggers or additional support needed for the child. Staff and children have a debrief after the event to reflect on the incident.

When children have been missing from the home, staff have taken suitable action to search for them and to return them home at the earliest opportunity. Staff work with relevant professionals to support a safe return home for children.

When there have been occasions where the children have caused harm to themselves, or expressed that they are feeling in low mood, staff have responded sensitively. They have provided first aid and emotional support. Staff seek support from external professionals when needed, such as the mental health crisis team and children and adolescent mental health services to ensure that there is a wrap around approach to supporting children's wellbeing.



When incidents have taken place in the home, there has been a robust and proactive response by staff, who have ensured that children's welfare is promoted throughout. Staff have implemented strategies to reduce risk, and the manager has been proactive in considering and planning for any future challenges. Following significant events, the manager completes reflection with staff and identifies any key learning from the incidents.

There is a stable and consistent staff team. The staff team has grown as new children have moved into the home. There is a detailed induction process for new staff, and all staff have completed relevant training to meet children's specific needs.

Leaders and managers have implemented new systems for the monitoring and oversight of the home. They use these systems effectively to highlight positive practice and to address any shortfalls and drive improvements.

No requirements were raised at this inspection.



Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
17/06/2025	Full	Good



Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2820761

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Responsible individual:

Registered manager: Holly Longton

Inspector

Katie Tomlinson, Social Care Inspector



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