

2822002

Registered provider: GSM Ardent Rawcliffe Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is owned and operated by a private provider. It is registered for up to 2 children who may experience social or emotional difficulties.

The home was registered by Ofsted in January 2025.

Two children were living at the home at the time of the inspection. Both children shared their views.

Inspection date: 24 February 2026

Date of last inspection: 31 July 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 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.

This inspection was brought forward in order to address specific concerns received by Ofsted.

Children say that they feel safe living in the home and know how to make a complaint if they need to. One child said, 'It is 10/10, it's like living in a normal home.' Another child said, 'Everything is fine and good.' This creates an environment where children feel heard and listened to.

Children have education plans in place and are making progress from their starting points. The manager works closely with the virtual school and advocates for children's right to education. As a result, children's attendance and engagement are good.

Staff know the children well and talk with them about any worries that they may have. This is supported by detailed risk management plans, which provide clear guidance for staff to follow.

Staff speak confidently about their safeguarding responsibilities, and they know how to report concerns should they need to. When concerns are raised about staff practice, the manager takes appropriate action and ensures that all concerns are explored. This helps to keep children safe.

Physical intervention is used as a last resort to ensure children's safety. The manager ensures that children and staff are given the opportunity to reflect following any incidents. However, on one occasion, a staff member involved in the incident completed a post-incident discussion with the child. This meant that the child did not have the opportunity to speak to someone independent.

Staff work closely with local authorities to support decision-making in complex situations. When children have experienced bereavement, staff talk with children sensitively and explore how children would like to remember their loved ones. Staff recognise how anniversary dates may be difficult for children and approach this sensitively and with compassion.

The manager is experienced and holds a leadership and management qualification. Staff say that they feel supported by the manager and they enjoy working in the home. One staff member said, 'The management team are really good.' Staff receive regular supervisions, and team meetings are held frequently. These focus on reviewing children's needs and developing staff practice.

The manager has systems in place to help him review the quality of care in the home. However, the home's statement of purpose has not been updated or sent to the regulator within expected timescales.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
31/07/2025	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(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 within the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
The registered person must compile in relation to the children's home a statement ("the statement of purpose") which covers the matters listed in Schedule 1. The registered person must— keep the statement of purpose under review and, where appropriate, revise it; and notify HMCI of any revisions and send HMCI a copy of the revised statement within 28 days of the revision. (Regulation 16 (1) (3)(a)(b))	3 April 2026

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that records of physical intervention demonstrate that the child has had the opportunity to speak to a person not involved in the intervention about their experience. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 50, paragraph 9.60)

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2822002

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Responsible individual: Julie Collins

Registered manager: Christopher Calvert

Inspector

Kitty Wiper, Social Care Inspector

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