

SC025747

Registered provider: Together Trust

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is owned and managed by a charitable organisation. It provides care for up to three children with social and emotional difficulties and/or special educational needs.

The manager registered with Ofsted in August 2016.

At the time of this inspection, there was one child living at the home. The inspector spoke to the child.

Inspection date: 10 December 2025

Date of last inspection: 20 August 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.

Since the full inspection, one child has moved out of the home and another child has moved in. Children experience well-planned transitions when moving in and out of the home.

Children have developed trusting relationships with staff. The child said: 'They [staff] are kind, fun and always nice to me.' This demonstrates that children feel safe and supported.

Staff support children to manage their emotions and make positive choices. They use specialist therapeutic input to inform their approach to care. As a result, children enjoy calm, consistent support which contributes to their progress.

When physical interventions are required, staff hold children safely and appropriately. Staff keep clear records, which now include all information required by regulation. Comprehensive management oversight of incidents provides helpful feedback to staff and protects children's welfare.

The home environment has improved, with hazards removed and maintenance overseen effectively. The house was decorated for Christmas at the time of the inspection and feels homely and welcoming. The child was proud to show off their bedroom and toys, reflecting their sense of belonging.

Staff understand each child's needs and risks. The child's risks have reduced because of the care they receive. Leaders and managers have ensured that all safeguarding notifications are sent to Ofsted within the required timescales.

Leaders and managers maintain strong oversight of the home. Insight from the independent person is used to inform practice and their reports are now shared with Ofsted within required timescales.

Children benefit from consistent, high-quality care provided by a stable staff team. Staff communicate effectively with each other and with professionals. Social workers say that communication with staff helps to inform better care planning for children.

All of the requirements raised at the full inspection were considered during this visit. Leaders and managers have implemented a clear action plan to address all the shortfalls identified and all of the requirements are met.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
20/08/2025	Full	Requires improvement to be good
01/10/2024	Full	Good
20/02/2024	Full	Good
01/02/2023	Full	Good

Children's home details

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Provision sub-type: Children's home

Responsible individual: Sara Aldridge

Registered manager: Lillian Adamson

Inspector

Nicola Shaw, Social Care Regulatory Inspector

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