

# SC038906

Registered provider:

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

## Information about this children's home

This privately run children's home provides care for up to 3 children with social and emotional difficulties.

The home registered in 2007. The previous registered manager, who left the home several months ago, has now submitted a voluntary cancellation form, which has been accepted.

A recently appointed manager is yet to submit an application to register with Ofsted.

There was one child living in the home at the time of this inspection. An inspector spoke with the child.

**Inspection date:** 11 March 2026

**Date of last inspection:** 17 December 2025

**Judgement at last inspection:** requires improvement to be good

**Enforcement action since last inspection:** none

## Information about this inspection

At this inspection, the inspectors 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

This assurance inspection was carried out to review the safety and experiences of the child living in the home. We did not identify any serious or widespread concerns in relation to the child's care or protection.

The child has made progress since the last full inspection. They are increasingly engaged in learning and benefit from the consistent support of a tutor who attends the home each weekday. The tutor shared positive feedback about the child's growing confidence in reading and writing, and staff support the child's routines so that they can take part in learning positively.

The child enjoys being active, especially playing basketball. Staff have further supported this interest by installing a basketball hoop in the garden, helping to promote the child's physical health and wellbeing.

The child said that they feel safe living in the home and have good relationships with staff. Staff understanding the child's needs and vulnerabilities and respond in ways that help the child feel supported and secure.

As the child has grown and developed, staff have worked with the child's social worker and other professionals to review and reduce some restrictions. The child can use more areas of the home, such as the kitchen and garden, when staff are with them. This is helping the child build independence at a pace suited that is right for them.

Leaders have strengthened risk management plans so that they give staff clear guidance on how to keep the child safe. Recent records show no incidents that raise concern about safeguarding practice.

There is currently no registered manager in post. A new manager has begun working in the home but has not yet applied to register with the regulator. As a result, a requirement made at the last inspection has been restated.

Despite this, leaders and managers have continued to oversee the home well. They have improved monitoring systems, and most of the requirements from the previous inspection have now been met.

Leaders also improve the home environment. They have carried out repairs and redecorated some areas, creating a safer and more comfortable home for the child.

Leaders and staff work collaboratively with the child's social worker to plan for the child's ongoing progress and to explore how the child's opportunities can be developed further. This joint work ensures that any changes are made in line with the child's care-planning arrangements.

## Recent inspection history

| Inspection date | Inspection type | Inspection judgement            |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 17/12/2025      | Full            | Requires improvement to be good |
| 01/10/2024      | Full            | Requires improvement to be good |
| 21/11/2023      | 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   |
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| <p>The registered provider must appoint a person to manage the children's home if—</p> <p>there is no registered manager in respect of the home; and</p> <p>the registered provider—</p> <p>is an organisation or a partnership;</p> <p>does not satisfy regulation 28; or</p> <p>is not, or does not intend to be, in day-to-day charge of the home.</p> <p>If the registered provider appoints a person to manage the home, the registered provider must, without delay, give HMCI notice of—</p> <p>the name of the person so appointed; and</p> <p>the date on which the appointment takes effect.</p> <p>Regulation 27 (1)(a)(b)(i)(ii)(iii)(2)(a)(b))</p> <p>This requirement has been restated.</p> | 4 May 2026 |

## **Children's home details**

**Unique reference number:** SC038906

**Provision sub-type:** Children's home

**Responsible individual:** Eleanor Johnson

**Registered manager:** Post vacant

## **Inspectors**

Thobekile Bandama, Social Care Inspector  
Kelly Monniot, Regional Inspection Manager

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