

SC039689

Registered provider: Lancashire County Council

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is owned and managed by a local authority. It provides care for up to six children who may experience social and emotional difficulties.

At the time of this inspection, five children were living at the home. Four children spoke with the inspectors.

The home has not had a registered manager since June 2025. An acting manager is in place and has applied to register with Ofsted.

Inspection date: 10 December 2025

This monitoring visit

This children's home was judged inadequate at the full inspection on 22 and 23 October 2025.

Inspectors identified serious concerns in relation to staff safeguarding practices and poor and ineffective leadership and management oversight. As a result, Ofsted issued compliance notices under sections 22A and 14 of the Care Standards Act 2000.

The purpose of this visit was to monitor the compliance notices and review any action taken by the provider.

Since the last inspection, the provider has taken effective action to address the shortfalls identified.

Staff understand safety plans and risk assessments and ensure that these are consistently followed. Risks to children are assessed and risks from children towards each other are managed effectively.

Staff complete direct work with children to help them understand how to keep safe. Children confirm that staff keep them safe. Records show that staff and children have frequent meaningful and focused discussions.

The home now has sufficient staffing to meet the needs of all children. Children confirm that they receive care from staff who know and understand them. However, the staff rota does not contain the full names of the staff team.

The management monitoring systems have improved and are now more effective. Therefore, there is an improved level of oversight and evaluation of significant incidents at the home.

All staff, including casual staff, receive supervision of their practice. This promotes consistency of care.

The provider has not ensured that significant incidents are notified to Ofsted. This requirement has been restated.

A case review held on 12 December 2025 concluded that the provider has taken sufficient action to address the shortfalls identified at the full inspection. Therefore, both compliance notices have been met.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
22/10/2025	Full	Inadequate
23/07/2024	Full	Good
26/09/2023	Full	Requires improvement to be good
25/10/2022	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 with 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)) The registered person must ensure that significant incidents are notified to Ofsted.	8 February 2026
Schedule 4 sets out the other information that the registered person must keep in relation to a children's home. The registered person must— maintain in the home the records in Schedule 4; ensure that the records are kept up to date; and retain the records for at least 15 years from the date of the last entry. (Regulation 37 (1) (2)(a)(b)(c))	8 February 2026

The registered person should ensure that the staff rotas include the full names of staff members.	
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Information about this inspection

The purpose of this visit was to monitor the action taken and the progress made by the children's home since its last Ofsted inspection.

This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: SC039689

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Lancashire County Council

Registered provider address: Lancashire County Council, PO Box 100, Preston
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Responsible individual: Claire Rose-Dudley

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspectors

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