

SC060750

Registered provider: Lifetime Opportunities Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is owned and managed by a private company and provides care for up to 3 children who may have physical disabilities, learning disabilities and/or autism.

At the time of this inspection, no children were living at the home.

The manager registered with Ofsted in January 2023.

Inspection date: 18 February 2026

Date of last inspection: 20 November 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 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.

The home is spacious and homely. The manager has plans to freshen up some areas of the home.

The child who previously lived at the home on a shared care arrangement developed trusting relationships with staff. However, due to the difficulties with staffing levels and a high use of agency staff, a decision was made to end the child's placement. The child left the home in a planned way. Following this move, the manager reflected on the child's progress and experiences to inform future learning and development.

The manager worked closely with the child's placing authority to ensure that all relevant information was shared with the child's new placement provider. One professional reported that there was good communication and staff were proactive and knowledgeable about the needs of the child.

The child's plans were kept under review and risks were identified and managed effectively. Staff took all necessary action in response to an incident involving the child. The manager made the regulator aware of this in a timely way. The manager identified a lack of clear recording by staff, which he addressed with all those concerned.

All staff receive regular supervision and attend team meetings. The manager has recently completed additional work with staff to reinforce the importance of following children's plans.

Currently, there are no staff working at the home. Several staff have left the organisation and others are working at another home within the organisation. The manager is currently carrying out recruitment to establish a suitable staff team.

The manager has addressed the requirements and recommendations raised at the last inspection. These were all deemed to be met.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
20/11/2025	Full	Requires improvement to be good
24/02/2025	Full	Good
19/03/2024	Full	Good
07/03/2023	Full	Good

Children's home details

Unique reference number: SC060750

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Lifetime Opportunities Limited

Registered provider address: Windsor House, Bayshill Road, Cheltenham,
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Responsible individual: Shona Wands Alderson

Registered manager: Karl Hatfield

Inspector

Judith Birchall, Social Care Inspector

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