

SC397293

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home provides care for children with autism and learning disabilities.

At the time of this inspection, three children were living at the home.

The home has been without a registered manager since April 2025.

Inspection date: 9 December 2025

This monitoring visit

The home was judged inadequate at the full inspection on 23 and 24 September 2025. Following the inadequate judgement, Ofsted issued a notice restricting accommodation, which meant that no new children were permitted to move into the home. Following a monitoring visit on 22 October 2025, Ofsted reissued compliance notices under regulation 10 (the health and well-being standard), regulation 12 (the protection of children standard) and regulation 13 (the leadership and management standard).

The purpose of this visit was to assess the progress made towards meeting the compliance notices.

The three children have remained living in the home since the last inspection. No further children have been admitted to the home.

Children now live in a home that is beautifully decorated, warm and welcoming. Children's bedrooms have been redecorated and reflect their interests. The introduction of a new sensory space means children have several social spaces where they can spend time away from their bedrooms. Children are also having the opportunity to engage in fun activities in the community with increasing regularity.

Staff support systems are improved. Staff can access appropriate training which is building their confidence in their roles. Staff have opportunities to reflect with a senior manager in both regular team meetings and supervision. These are spaces where staff can learn but also be appropriately challenged when required. A senior leader has been identified to support with staff supervision sessions to ensure these remain timely for all staff, particularly while the home remains without a registered manager.

Children have clear personal care plans in place. Staff understand how this care can be delivered safely and with dignity for children. Staff follow agreed procedures and record effectively. Staff are becoming increasingly curious in their professional practice by recording any marks or injuries to children. Staff are liaising with safeguarding partners when necessary.

Staff have received specialised support and training to understand how best to communicate with children. There are plans in place for all children to have adapted and personalised communication systems. As a result, staff are more confident to use identified tools to communicate with children and their views are being sought more often.

There is a newly developed system in place to understand when children may engage in self-injurious behaviours. Staff are now tracking events that occur within the home and any resulting behaviours observed. This is supporting the leadership team to understand the triggers for children becoming distressed and how this can inform care planning.

The leadership team has implemented monitoring systems to review aspects of the care provided. Audits are now in place to ensure that staff are more fully recording the behaviour and experiences of children living at the home. A system to triangulate information is ensuring that staff understand how any injuries to children have been caused.

Children are not often physically restrained at the home. When restraint has taken place, it has been necessary. However, recordings of restraint do not always include debriefs with involved staff or children.

The compliance notices re-issued following the last monitoring visit have been met. However, the requirement raised under regulation 45 is restated and a requirement under regulation 35 has been issued. The requirements previously issued under regulations 6, 40 and 44 were reviewed during this visit and found to have been met. The notice restricting accommodation has been removed as risks to children have reduced.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
23/09/2025	Full	Inadequate
25/02/2025	Full	Good
13/12/2023	Full	Good
21/03/2023	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 complete a review of the quality of care provided for children ("a quality of care review") at least once every 6 months. In order to complete a quality of care review the registered person must establish and maintain a system for monitoring, reviewing and evaluating— the quality of care provided for children; the feedback and opinions of children about the children's home, its facilities and the quality of care they receive in it; and any actions that the registered person considers necessary in order to improve or maintain the quality of care provided for children. After completing a quality of care review, the registered person must produce a written report about the quality of care review and the actions which the registered person intends to take as a result of the quality of care review ("the quality of care review report"). The registered person must— supply to HMCI a copy of the quality of care review report within 28 days of the date on which the quality of care review is completed; and make a copy of the quality of care review report available on request to a placing authority, if the placing authority is not the parent of a child accommodated in the home.	14 January 2026

The system referred to in paragraph (2) must provide for ascertaining and considering the opinions of children, their parents, placing authorities and staff. (Regulation 45 (1) (2)(a)(b)(c) (3) (4)(a)(b) (5))	
The registered person must ensure that— within 24 hours of the use of a measure of control, discipline or restraint in relation to a child in the home, a record is made which includes— within 48 hours of the use of the measure, the registered person, or a person who is authorised by the registered person to do so (“the authorised person”)— has spoken to the user about the measure; and has signed the record to confirm it is accurate; and within 5 days of the use of the measure, the registered person or the authorised person adds to the record confirmation that they have spoken to the child about the measure. (Regulation 35 (3)(a)(b)(c)) In particular, the registered person must ensure that debriefs are completed with both staff and children involved in holds.	14 January 2026

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

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Provision sub-type: Children's home

Responsible individual: Sharon Green

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Louise Copping, Social Care Inspector

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