

SC430239

Registered provider: Cambian Childcare 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 large private company. It provides care for up to five children who experience social and emotional difficulties.

At the time of this inspection, 3 children were living at the home. The inspector spoke with one child.

The manager is in the process of applying to register with Ofsted.

A new responsible individual has recently been appointed, and Ofsted is currently assessing their suitability to carry out the role.

Inspection date: 8 January 2026

Date of last inspection: 23 September 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 last inspection, one child has moved out of the home, and one child has moved in. Children have experienced well-planned moves. Staff and the manager work closely with children to ensure that their voices are heard and that they are involved in discussions about their care.

Children have positive relationships with the manager, and relationships with staff have improved. Staff are knowledgeable about children's needs and how to support them. One child said, 'Things have been better.'

Children's health needs are met. Staff now speak to children about the dangers of vaping and encourage them to make safer choices. Staff identify that children respond well to incentives and use these to encourage attendance at routine health appointments.

Children access education provisions that are tailored to their needs. When there are barriers to children's learning, staff work with children to help them understand the value and importance of education.

Care plans and risk assessments are in place to support the safe care of children. However, the manager has not ensured that key documents have been received from other professionals involved in children's care, such as personal education plans and health assessments.

There are now clear management arrangements in place. The manager is experienced and has good insight into the children's needs and experiences. Staff say the manager is present and supportive. One staff member said, 'I could go to her if I was worried about anything.'

There is a consistent staff team. Any gaps in the rota are covered by the staff team and regular bank staff. Staff receive supervision in line with the home's statement of purpose, and team meetings take place monthly. As a result, children receive continuity of care, and staff feel supported.

All but one requirement raised at the last inspection have been met. This requirement has been restated.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
23/09/2025	Full	Requires improvement to be good
22/10/2024	Full	Requires improvement to be good
28/11/2023	Full	Good
27/07/2022	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 within the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
The registered person must maintain records ("case records") for each child which— include the information and documents listed in Schedule 3 in relation to each child; and are kept up to date. (Regulation 36 (1)(a)(b)) In particular, the registered person must ensure that all necessary documents are received from children's placing authorities.	6 February 2026
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— the name of the child; details of the child's behaviour leading to the use of the measure; the date, time and location of the use of the measure; a description of the measure and its duration; details of any methods used or steps taken to avoid the need to use the measure; the name of the person who used the measure ("the user"), and of any other person present when the measure was used; the effectiveness and any consequences of the use of the measure; and	6 February 2026

a description of any injury to the child or any other person, and any medical treatment administered, as a result of the measure;

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)(i)(ii)(iii)(iv)(v)(vi)(vii)(b)(i)(ii)(c))

In particular, the registered person must ensure that incidents involving the use of physical intervention are recorded appropriately.

This requirement was raised at the last inspection and is restated.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: SC430239

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Cambian Childcare Limited

Registered provider address: 4th Floor Parkview, 82 Oxford Road, Uxbridge UB8 1UX

Responsible individual:

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Kitty Wiper, Social Care Inspector

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