

SC441865

Registered provider: Shyne Together Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is privately owned and provides care for up to 3 children who experience social and emotional difficulties.

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

The home is overseen by a registered manager.

Inspection date: 4 March 2026

Date of last inspection: 11 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 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.

There have been positive changes made to the conditions at the home following recent refurbishments. Spaces now feel refreshed and inviting. Unused equipment that was in the garden has been removed, and children have been consulted on how they would like to change the outside spaces in time for the summer. Managers remain committed to ongoing improvements at the home, and further updates, including the redecoration of the children's bedrooms, are due to occur soon.

Children have trusted relationships with staff and enjoy engaging in activities with them. Children are regularly engaged in one-to-one discussions and children's meetings and can influence the care they receive. Children understand and respect boundaries set by staff to keep them safe. As a result, there have been no missing-from-home episodes during this period.

The manager's effective advocacy has recently secured a college place for one child. The child has valued making friends at college and is now less socially isolated as a result. The child is aspirational for their future, and staff are helping them prepare for their independence away from the home.

The manager has implemented a clear process for managing allegations made by children. The manager works diligently to ensure that children's voices are heard and that appropriate safeguarding partners are informed. The manager leads on investigations to ensure an appropriate resolution to any concerns raised.

Children living at the home have complex mental health needs. Staff understand these needs, and they are reflected in care plans and risk assessments. Staff respond appropriately to incidents of self-harm and implement required safety plans. Therapeutic approaches are used effectively, and children are encouraged to reflect on incidents. As a result, serious incidents at the home are rare. The manager ensures that serious incidents are appropriately notified to Ofsted. However, one serious incident was not reported as would be expected.

There are improved safer recruitment processes for staff. These will be strengthened further by ensuring that all relevant information is held about why applicants have left positions where they have worked with vulnerable adults or children. Staff have been enrolled in the required qualification, but some remain outside of the required timescales for completion.

Some records fail to clearly document the actions taken by staff when caring for children to support their care and keep them safe. Similarly, while staff have received training since the last inspection, it has not been clearly documented.

The manager has now implemented a system to monitor and audit the home. This remains in its infancy and is not yet fully imbedded into practice. Some auditing tools lack appropriate analysis and evaluation to guide necessary changes to practice in the home.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
11/11/2025	Full	Requires improvement to be good
02/12/2024	Full	Good
13/03/2024	Full	Good
27/04/2022	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 leadership and management standard is that the registered person enables, inspires and leads a culture in relation to the children's home that— helps children aspire to fulfil their potential; and promotes their welfare. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to— lead and manage the home in a way that is consistent with the approach and ethos, and delivers the outcomes, set out in the home's statement of purpose; ensure that the home's workforce provides continuity of care to each child; understand the impact that the quality of care provided in the home is having on the progress and experiences of each child and use this understanding to inform the development of the quality of care provided in the home; demonstrate that practice in the home is informed and improved by taking into account and acting on— research and developments in relation to the ways in which the needs of children are best met; and feedback on the experiences of children, including complaints received; use monitoring and review systems to make continuous improvements in the quality of care provided in the home. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(a)(e)(g)(i)(ii)(h))	6 April 2026

In particular, the registered manager must oversee and audit the home appropriately and ensure that staff receive training in line with the home's statement of purpose. This requirement was raised at the last inspection and is restated.	
The registered person must recruit staff using recruitment procedures that are designed to ensure children's safety. The registered person may only— employ an individual to work at the children's home; or if an individual is employed by a person other than the registered person to work at the home in a position in which the individual may have regular contact with children, allow that individual to work at the home, if the individual satisfies the requirements in paragraph (3). The requirements are that— full and satisfactory information is available in relation to the individual in respect of each of the matters in Schedule 2. For the purposes of paragraph (3)(b), an individual who works in the home in a care role has the appropriate qualification if, by the relevant date, the individual has attained— the Level 3 Diploma for Residential Childcare (England) ("the Level 3 Diploma"); or a qualification which the registered person considers to be equivalent to the Level 3 Diploma. The relevant date is— in the case of an individual who starts working in a care role in a home after 1st April 2014, the date which falls 2 years after the date on which the individual started working in a care role in a home; or in the case of an individual who was working in a care role in a home on 1st April 2014, 1st April 2016. (Regulation 32 (1) (2)(a)(b)(3)(d) (4)(a)(b) (5)(a)(b))	6 April 2026

In particular, all staff must be safely recruited and registered for the diploma within required timescales.

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Recommendations

- The registered person should notify Ofsted and other relevant parties if one of the situations specified in regulation 40 (4)(a)-(d) occurs or if there is an incident relating to the protection, safeguarding or welfare of a child living in the home that they consider to be serious (40 (4)(e)). ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 63, paragraph 14.10)
- The registered person should ensure that staff are familiar with the home's policies on record-keeping and understand the importance of careful, objective and clear recording. Staff should record information about individual children in a non-stigmatising way that distinguishes between fact, opinion and third-party information. Information about the child must always be recorded in a way that is helpful to them. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 62, paragraph 14.4)

Children's home details

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