

SC456911

Registered provider: Cambian Childcare Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is privately owned. It provides care for up to 6 children who experience social and emotional difficulties.

The manager registered with Ofsted in September 2022.

Inspection date: 12 March 2026

Date of last inspection: 16 June 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.

Inspectors have 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.

Three children have moved out since the last inspection, and 2 children have moved in. These were all planned moves. Two children moved onto adult placements. The manager remains in touch with them and both children are doing well. One child moved home to their parents.

Since the last inspection, 2 children have moved in and both appear to be settled. One child has been here for several months. Before moving in, this child had not been in education for 2 years. They spent a lot of time in their bedroom and they were not engaged in activities in the community. This child is a talented artist. Since moving in, staff have supported them to return to mainstream education. The child is involved with the local art gallery and has a piece of art in an art competition. The manager and staff are very proud of the child, and their creativity and talents are supported and celebrated.

The other child moved in a short time ago. The manager and staff are getting to know them and how best to support them. They have signed up the child to the local gym, sourced one-to-one tennis lessons for them and have taken them to a mechanics and motocross centre. The child came without an education placement. The staff have arranged home tutoring and staff have supported the child to visit a local college with the potential to apply there.

The manager and staff are highly proactive in providing children with opportunities to develop their talents and interests. This helps children to build their own identity and develop their self-esteem.

Children's care plans are clear and offer staff relevant information to help them to support children. Missing-from-care protocols have good guidance for staff. The children have not had any missing episodes. One child who moved out last year, had several missing-from-home concerns. The manager and staff worked closely with other agencies to share information and try to keep the child safe. Staff tried to keep in touch and searched for the child when they did not return at the agreed time. The child was always welcomed back with care and nurture.

The manager is open and transparent. She has reflected that last year was difficult for many reasons and things have improved. The manager knows the strengths and challenges and has identified areas to focus on.

A staff member from another home in the organisation was on shift alone when the inspector arrived. They did not check the inspector's identification, and they found it difficult to find contact numbers. However, it was clear that they had established a

positive rapport with the child. It is important that all staff are inducted in all aspects of the safe running of the home.

There have been no physical interventions since the last inspection. This requirement cannot be tested and therefore has been restated. The frequency of staff supervisions remains variable and so this recommendation will also be restated. All the other requirements and recommendations from the previous inspection have been met.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
16/06/2025	Full	Requires improvement to be good
20/08/2024	Full	Good
30/08/2023	Full	Good
20/09/2022	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 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— 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 effectiveness and any consequences of the use of the measure; and 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. (Regulation 35 (3)(a)(iv)(v)(vii)(b)(i)(ii)) This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.	31 July 2026

Recommendations

- The registered person should ensure that there are systems in place so that all staff receive supervision of their practice which allows them to reflect on their practice and the needs of the children assigned to their care. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 61, paragraph 13.2)
- The registered person should ensure that any staff member in supervisory role should have relevant experience of working in a children's home and have successfully completed their induction for the home in which they are employed. In particular, staff from other homes must complete a thorough induction to the home. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 54, paragraph 10.21)

Children's home details

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Responsible individual: Post vacant

Registered manager: Charlotte Young

Inspector

Mary Costello, Social Care Inspector

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