

SC478852

Registered provider: Roundhouse Care

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This privately owned home is registered to provide care for up to 3 children who may experience social and/or emotional difficulties.

There has been no registered manager in post since 22 July 2025. The new manager has submitted their application to be registered with Ofsted.

Inspection date: 18 March 2026

Date of last inspection: 2 July 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

The inspector did not identify any serious or widespread concerns in relation to the care or protection of children at this assurance inspection.

Three children were living in the home at the time of the inspection. All the children were seen, and one child spoke with the inspector. The child said the home had been settled and they felt happy living there.

One child moved into the home in an emergency. Since that time the child has formed positive relationships with their peers. Feedback from family and professionals confirm that staff are meeting the child's needs effectively. This demonstrates that staff provide responsive and supportive care that helps children feel secure and welcomed.

During the last inspection, the previous manager identified that the home was unable to meet one child's needs. Since that time the child has moved to another home. However, the decision ensured that the needs and safety of all children remained the primary focus.

Staff ensure that children's physical health needs are well promoted. They are registered with local health services and attend both routine and ad-hoc appointments as required. Staff ensure children's emotional well-being is also prioritised. For example, they actively pursue appropriate intervention and support for children to ensure their individual needs are met. This approach ensures that children's physical and emotional health needs are identified promptly to support their overall progress.

Children are encouraged to maintain relationships with those who are important to them. Staff actively facilitate family time by arranging transport and coordinating with family members. This child-centred approach promotes emotional well-being, children's identity and helps them understand their personal histories.

Leaders and managers have addressed the health and safety concerns identified during the last inspection. There have been noticeable improvements in the physical environment. Children's bedrooms have improved significantly, and the home has benefitted from redecoration. This has created a sense of safety and a comfortable and welcoming environment for children.

Children's risk assessments now provide clear guidance to help staff manage risks effectively. Support plans are child-focused and written with the children, ensuring that their views are actively included and inform the care they receive. This approach to risk and care planning ensures that children are supported appropriately and contributes to improved safety and positive experiences.

When children leave the home in an unplanned way, staff follow the guidance set out in their care plans, offering reassurance and encouraging them to return safely. Incidents have been minimal, however on one occasion when police intervention was used to ensure a child's safety, leaders failed to notify the regulatory body of this incident. This oversight limits external scrutiny and does not fully support effective safeguarding practice.

The manager has implemented an electronic recording system, to improve the organisation of children's records and key documents. This system provides staff with a structured approach to recording incidents, including opportunities for reflection and identifying learning. However, the use of this system is not yet embedded, this has the potential to limit management oversight of staff practice.

Staff receive regular supervision and attend team meetings that provide more structured opportunities for learning and reflection. They report that they feel supported by the manager and deputy manager. The staff team has been stable since the last inspection, contributing to a consistent approach to practice and better support for children.

The manager ensures that all staff receive relevant training. For example, specialist training on children's responses to trauma, gave staff valuable insight into children's experiences and how best to support them. This strengthened knowledge base enables staff to deliver more informed, sensitive and effective care.

Five of the requirements raised at the previous inspection have been met. Two previous requirements have been reinstated.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
02/07/2025	Full	Requires improvement to be good
21/01/2025	Full	Good
24/10/2023	Full	Good
07/02/2023	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 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— use monitoring and review systems to make continuous improvements in the quality of care provided in the home. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b)(2)(h)) In particular ensure that systems are fully in place to promote learning and reflection following incidents with children and that managers have effective monitoring systems to review the quality of care provided to children. This requirement has been reinstated.	10 June 2026
The registered person must notify HMCI and each other relevant person without delay if — an incident requiring police involvement occurs in relation to a child which the registered person considers to be serious; there is an allegation of abuse against the home or a person working there. (Regulation 40 (4)(a)(b)(c)(d)(i)(ii)(e)) This requirement has been reinstated.	10 June 2026

Children's home details

Unique reference number: SC478852

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Roundhouse Care

Registered provider address: c/o Phil Beasant Ltd, 14 Clytha Park Road.
Agincourt House, Newport NP20 4PB

Responsible individual: Maurice Ryley

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Julia Thompson, Social Care Inspector

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