

# 1276719

**Devon & Cornwall Autistic Community Trust (t/a Spectrum)**

Monitoring visit

## **Information about this children's home**

The provider states within the statement of purpose that this home provides long-term placements for up to three children aged between 11 and 18 years. These children may have autism spectrum disorder and/or associated conditions. The home is owned by a private organisation.

The manager has been registered with Ofsted since March 2021.

We last visited this setting on 20 and 21 May 2021 to carry out a full inspection. At this time, the home was judged to be good in all areas. The report is published on our website.

**Inspection date:** 1 December 2021

## **This monitoring visit**

A monitoring visit was completed at the home due to a complaint received regarding the standards of care provided at the home. During this visit, no concerns were identified. Only one child currently lives at the home.

The care team has a good understanding of the child's complex needs. An effective multi-agency approach is supporting the child well. The care team works closely with other professionals from external health and social care teams. This is promoting positive outcomes for the child.

The child has made significant positive progress since moving in to the home, including with their anxieties, education, and social skills. There has been no need for physical interventions for many months, school attendance is good, and the child is now able to share their feelings calmly with carers.

To ensure the child is taking in enough nutrition, a feeding tube has been fitted. Staff have received the required training to use the device. This is being carefully monitored by trained health professionals who visit the home. The care team at the

home feed the child using the device daily. No concerns were identified regarding the management of this during the visit.

The environment has also greatly improved since the previous inspection. There are soft furnishings, pictures, fairy lights, and various other homely items. Previously, the child was unable to tolerate these items.

The two requirements made at the previous inspection were found to be met.

## **Recent inspection history**

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
20/05/2021	Full	Good
14/11/2019	Interim	Sustained effectiveness
20/05/2019	Full	Requires improvement to be good
04/03/2019	Full	Inadequate

## **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**

**Unique reference number:** 1276719

**Provision sub-type:** Children's home

**Registered provider:** Devon & Cornwall Autistic Community Trust (t/a Spectrum)

**Registered provider address:** Lakeside Offices, The Old Cattle Market, Porthleven Road, Helston, Cornwall TR13 0SR

**Responsible individual:** Mark Beniston

**Registered manager:** Wendy Burgess

## **Inspector**

Polly Soper, Social Care Inspector

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