

# 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.

**Inspection date:** 29 March 2023

### **This monitoring visit**

A monitoring visit was completed due to uncertainties about the financial stability of the home and the potential impact this could have on the staff team and consequently, the child. In addition, a complaint was received by Ofsted, regarding the standards of care provided at the home. During this visit, no concerns were identified about the child's care.

There is a core staff team who are committed to the child's welfare. During this visit no significant concerns were identified regarding the care provided to the child. He has thrived under the nurture of the manager and her team.

This child was previously tube fed to ensure he was receiving the nutrition he needed. He is now eating a varied diet which is tremendous progress. He was also on a high level of behavioural support medication when he arrived at the home. He no longer needs this type of medication. There have been no incidents in many months.

This child is now enjoying, shopping, swimming, surfing, and many other activities. He is happy and well cared for.

Ofsted will continue to closely monitor the situation at this home to ensure that the child continues to receive good care.

## Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
04/01/2023	Full	Good
20/05/2021	Full	Good
14/11/2019	Interim	Sustained effectiveness
20/05/2019	Full	Requires improvement to be 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, 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 with the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
<p>The registered person must ensure that—</p> <p>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")—</p> <p>has spoken to the user about the measure; and</p> <p>has signed the record to confirm it is accurate; and</p> <p>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)(b)(i)(ii)(c))</p>	4 May 2023
<p>The requirements are that—</p> <p>the individual has the appropriate experience, qualification and skills for the work that the individual is to perform.</p> <p>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—</p> <p>the Level 3 Diploma for Residential Childcare (England) ("the Level 3 Diploma"); or</p> <p>a qualification which the registered person considers to be equivalent to the Level 3 Diploma.</p> <p>The relevant date is—</p> <p>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. (Regulation 32 (3)(b) (4)(a)(b) (5)(a))</p>	4 May 2023

In particular, the manager must ensure that they complete the required qualifications for their role without further delay.	
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## Recommendations

- The registered person should ensure that the home's statement of purpose accurately reflects the arrangements for professional supervision for all staff. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 53, paragraph 10.10)

## 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

**Responsible individual:** Post vacant

**Registered manager:** Post vacant

## Inspector

Polly Soper, social care inspector

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