Vinney Green Secure Unit

Registered provider: South Gloucestershire Council

Vinney Green Secure Unit, Emersons Green Lane, South Gloucestershire BS16 7AA

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This secure children's home is managed by a local authority. It is approved by the Secretary of State to restrict children's liberty. The home can accommodate up to 24 children aged between 10 and 18 years. There were 14 children living at the home at the time of this inspection.

The home provides care for up to 20 children placed by the Youth Custody Service and up to 4 children under section 25 of the Children Act 1989 who are placed by local authorities. The admission of any child under section 25 of the Children Act 1989 who is under 13 years of age requires the approval of the Secretary of State.

The commissioning of health services at this home is the statutory responsibility of NHS England under the Health and Social Care Act 2012. Education is provided on site in dedicated facilities.

The manager has been registered with Ofsted since August 2025.

Inspection date: 4 August 2026

This monitoring visit

This monitoring visit was carried out in line with the memorandum of understanding between Ofsted and the Department for Education (DfE).

Inspectors visited the home with specialist architects commissioned by the DfE. This visit forms part of the information that Ofsted provide to the DfE so that the Secretary of State can make a decision about the continuing suitability of the home to restrict children's liberty.

Improvements have been made to ensure that the home is safe and secure. Work is ongoing in some areas to improve provision further. The home provides a suitable environment to meet the needs of children.

The recommendation made at the last inspection will be reviewed at the next inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
08/04/2026	Full	Good
20/05/2025	Full	Requires improvement to be good
16/07/2024	Full	Requires improvement to be good
18/04/2023	Full	Good

What does the children's home need to do to improve?

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that the children's homes are nurturing and supportive environments that meet the needs of their children, and they will, in most cases, be homely, domestic environments. In particular, to specifically personalise and make more homely the lounge and the family contact meeting rooms. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 15, paragraph 3.9)

Information about this inspection

The purpose of this visit was so that Ofsted can provide information to the DfE so that the Secretary of State can make a decision about the continuing suitability of the home to restrict children's liberty.

This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: SC035500

Provision sub-type: Secure Unit

Registered provider: South Gloucestershire Council

Registered provider address: South Gloucestershire Adults, Children's and Health, PO box 1955, Bristol BS37 0DE

Responsible individual: Catherine Boyce

Registered manager: Gary Willding

Inspectors

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