Swanwick Lodge

Registered provider: Hampshire County Council
Glen Road, Swanwick, Southampton, Hampshire SO31 7HD

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this secure children's home

This home is managed by a local authority. It is approved by the Secretary of State to restrict children's liberty.

The home provides accommodation for up to 10 children aged between 10 and 17. At the time of this visit, 6 children were living at the home.

The home provides care for children placed by local authorities under section 25 of the Children Act 1989. 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 in 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 registered with Ofsted in March 2022.

Inspection date: 6 August 2026

This monitoring visit

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

The inspector visited the home with specialist architects commissioned by the DfE. This visit forms part of the information that Ofsted provides 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.

The requirements and recommendations made at the last inspection will be reviewed at the next inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
21/04/2026	Full	Good
01/07/2025	Full	Requires improvement to be good
30/04/2024	Full	Outstanding
25/04/2023	Full	Good

What does the secure 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 with 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— the effectiveness and any consequences of the use of the measure. (Regulation 35 (3)(a)(vii)) In particular, all consequences should be clearly recorded, and their effectiveness should be reviewed.	24 August 2026
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— ensure that staff have the experience, qualifications and skills to meet the needs of each child; use monitoring and review systems to make continuous improvements in the quality of care provided in the home. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(c)(h)) In particular, managers should identify learning following physical restraint incidents to support the development of staff's de-escalation skills. Staff should consistently apply de-escalation techniques.	24 August 2026

The education standard is that children make measurable progress towards achieving their educational potential and are helped to do so. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that staff— help each child to achieve the child's education and training targets, as recorded in the child's relevant plans; help each child to understand the importance and value of education, learning, training and employment; help each child who is above compulsory school age to participate in further education, training or employment and to prepare for future care, education or employment; help each child to attend education or training in accordance with the expectations in the child's relevant plans. (Regulation 8 (1) (2)(a)(i)(iv)(ix)(x))	24 August 2026

Recommendations

- The registered person should ensure that children can raise concerns or make a complaint. In particular, documentation about how to make a complaint should be child friendly and accessible to children of all ages. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 22, paragraph 4.13)
- The registered person should ensure that children are supported to maintain and develop their cultural or religious beliefs, where appropriate and as far as reasonably practicable. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 17, paragraph 3.22)

Information about this inspection

The purpose of this visit was to monitor the action taken and the progress made by the secure children's home since its last Ofsted inspection.

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

Secure children's home details

Unique reference number: SC038719

Provision sub-type: Secure unit

Registered provider: Hampshire County Council

Registered provider address: The Castle, Winchester SO23 8UG

Responsible individual: Richard Hadley

Registered manager: Sarah Herbert

Inspector

Thirza Smith, Social Care Inspector

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