

2591479

Registered provider: Nurture Childcare Services Ltd

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is run by a private provider. It is registered to provide care for up to three children who may experience social and/or emotional difficulties.

The home registered with Ofsted in August 2020. The manager registered in September 2024.

There were no children living at the home at the time of this inspection.

Inspection date: 19 March 2025

Date of last inspection: 30 April 2024

Judgement at last inspection: inadequate

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

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

The home is homely and well decorated. It has had a recent refurbishment to ensure that is suitable for the needs of children. Children have access to a large outdoor space, including a football pitch and barbecue area.

Risk assessment templates are in place. These will be reviewed regularly to ensure that they include the most up-to-date information. Regular audits take place to ensure that all relevant risks are identified and controlled, to reduce the initial risk. Behaviour support plan templates include potential triggers to challenging behaviour and strategies that staff can use to manage behaviour. This will support staff to meet children's needs and promote their safety.

Staff have access to a wide range of mandatory and additional training, which ensures that they can care for the children safely and consistently. Staff receive training in therapeutic parenting and trauma-informed practice. This is set out in the home's statement of purpose. Staff training is also assessed to ensure it will meet the specific needs of the children who live at the home. Training is evaluated and reviewed to ensure that it is effective and applied in practice.

There are robust monitoring and review systems in place. The registered manager reviews all records on a regular basis. There are systems in place to ensure that all placing local authority care plans and other important records are easily accessible.

All staff are recruited using safe recruitment processes, which include review and regular update of police checks. This means children are only cared for by people who are deemed suitable to work with children.

The new manager has responded to previous requirements and has made significant improvements since the last inspection. All requirements and recommendations set previously have been met.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
30/04/2024	Full	Inadequate
22/08/2023	Full	Requires improvement to be good
21/06/2022	Full	Requires improvement to be good
16/03/2022	Interim	Declined in effectiveness

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2591479

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Nurture Childcare Services Limited

Registered provider address: Seighford Hall, Clanford Road, Seighford, Stafford
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Responsible individual: David Shaw

Registered manager: Martin Hodgson

Inspector

James Meeks, Social Care Inspector

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