

2690163

Registered provider: Affinity Childrens Care Ltd

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This privately owned home provides care for up to 2 children who have experienced adverse childhood experiences, resulting in trauma and complex behaviours.

The manager has been in post since June 2025 and registered with Ofsted in April 2026. They are suitably qualified and experienced. The registered manager was not present during the inspection.

At the time of this inspection, one child was living in the home. The child contributed to the inspection.

Inspection date: 9 June 2026

This monitoring visit

On 28 and 29 April 2026, a full inspection of the home was completed. Ofsted judged the home to be inadequate due to serious and widespread failures, which meant that children were not protected and their welfare was not promoted. As a result, Ofsted issued compliance notices under Regulations 12 and 13.

The purpose of this visit was to review the progress managers have made in meeting the actions identified in the compliance notices. Since the last inspection, managers have made good progress.

The registered manager has resigned and is currently working their notice period. Since the last inspection, the manager's presence in the home has been inconsistent, and they were not on duty at the time of this monitoring visit. In response, leaders implemented interim management arrangements, drawing on support from managers within the wider organisation.

The responsible individual has now returned from leave and is present at the home 3 days per week to provide support to the deputy manager and staff team. Senior

leaders also visit the home weekly to provide additional oversight and stability during this period of managerial change.

Leaders have undertaken a comprehensive review of previous incidents. The findings have been shared with the staff team through a series of team meetings. Bespoke training has been delivered to enhance staff knowledge, skills and confidence. As a result, there has been a reduction in incidents, and staff demonstrate improved ability to de-escalate behaviours that could otherwise lead to high-risk situations.

Leaders recognise that staff development is ongoing. Individual learning plans have been implemented, tailored to staff members' experience and identified needs. Since the last inspection, all staff have completed refresher training in safeguarding, missing-from-home protocols and exploitation. Further training is scheduled over the next 2 months.

The child's in-house documentation has been reviewed to ensure that it is accurate, up to date and responsive to incidents. This supports staff to understand how to respond effectively and ensures that the child's safety and wellbeing remain central to practice. This review has also taken into account the neighbouring home and the needs of the children living there. Plans now clearly consider the dynamics between children and identify strategies to mitigate identified risks.

Monitoring and oversight have strengthened. Senior leaders now have clear visibility of all incidents and have implemented additional tracking systems to identify and address any shortfalls in practice. As a result, staff are receiving regular supervision in line with the home's policy. The organisation's approach to information management has also been reviewed, ensuring that staff can readily access key documents and information.

Significant progress has been made. The compliance notices issued under Regulations 12 and 13 have been met. The requirements relating to Regulations 33 and 40 have also been reviewed during this monitoring visit and are considered to have been met.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
28/04/2026	Full	Inadequate
06/01/2026	Full	Good
17/09/2024	Full	Good

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: 2690163

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Affinity Childrens Care Ltd

Registered provider address: Azzurri House, Walsall Road, Aldridge, Walsall WS9 0RB

Responsible individual:

Registered manager: Sarah Jarvis-Lloyd

Inspector

Joanne Hawkins, Social Care Inspector

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