

2746965

Registered provider: Affinity Childrens Services Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is operated by a private company. It provides care for up to 3 children who experience emotional and behavioural difficulties. There were 2 children living in the home at the time of the inspection.

Inspection date: 3 June 2026

This monitoring visit

This children's home was judged inadequate at the full inspection on 21 and 22 April 2026. Following that inspection, a compliance notice was issued requiring the provider to address breaches of Regulation 13. A restriction of accommodation notice was also imposed, preventing any children from moving into the home. This restriction remains in place until 16 July 2026.

The purpose of this monitoring visit was to evaluate the actions taken by leaders and managers to address the shortfalls identified at the previous inspection and detailed in the compliance notice.

Since the last inspection, there have been changes to the leadership and management arrangements. A new manager and a new responsible individual have been appointed; both are suitably experienced and qualified. The home's statement of purpose has been reviewed to ensure that all staff who care for children are appropriately named.

Recruitment practices have been reviewed and strengthened to ensure that only individuals who are suitable and safe to work in a children's home are employed. During the visit, the director outlined the actions taken to meet the requirements of the compliance notice and those raised at the full inspection. Some improvements have been implemented effectively, while others are still in progress.

Leaders and managers have taken a proactive approach to improving staff understanding of their roles and responsibilities in relation to safeguarding children. This has included a review of child protection policies and ensuring that all staff have

attended relevant safeguarding training. In addition, staff have received training to improve their understanding and use of the electronic recording system. Children's local authority care plans are on file and accessible to staff, supporting practice that is aligned with agreed plans.

Monitoring and oversight arrangements have been reviewed and strengthened. Investigations into allegations have been undertaken by appropriately vetted staff. Increased oversight of staff practice and incidents helps to ensure that shortfalls are identified and addressed in a timely manner.

Requirements in relation to the relevant regulations remain in place and will be reviewed at the next full inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
21/04/2026	Full	Inadequate
09/04/2025	Full	Requires improvement to be good
23/05/2024	Full	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, 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 protection of children standard is that children are protected from harm and enabled to keep themselves safe. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that staff— have the skills to identify and act upon signs that a child is at risk of harm; understand the roles and responsibilities in relation to protecting children that are assigned to them by the registered person; are familiar with, and act in accordance with, the home's child protection policies. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(a)(iii)(v)(vii))	31 July 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— lead and manage the home in a way that is consistent with the approach and ethos, and delivers the outcomes, set out in the home's statement of purpose; ensure that staff have the experience, qualifications and skills to meet the needs of each child;	31 July 2026

ensure that the home has sufficient staff to provide care for each child; ensure that the home's workforce provides continuity of care to each child; understand the impact that the quality of care provided in the home is having on the progress and experiences of each child and use this understanding to inform the development of the quality of care provided in the home; demonstrate that practice in the home is informed and improved by taking into account and acting on— research and developments in relation to the ways in which the needs of children are best met; and feedback on the experiences of children, including complaints received; use monitoring and review systems to make continuous improvements in the quality of care provided in the home. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(a)(c)(d)(e)(f)(g)(i)(ii)(h))	
The care planning standard is that children— receive effectively planned care in or through the children's home; and In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that arrangements are in place to— manage and review the placement of each child in the home; and plan for, and help, each child to prepare to leave the home or to move into adult care in a way that is consistent with arrangements agreed with the child's placing authority; that each child's relevant plans are followed;	31 July 2026

that staff help each child to access and contribute to the records kept by the registered person in relation to the child. (Regulation 14 (1)(a) (2)(b)(i)(iii)(c)(f))	
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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: 2746965

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Affinity Childrens Services Limited

Registered provider address: The Old Coach House, Horse Fair, Rugeley WS15 2EL

Responsible individual: Post vacant

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Becky Rutter, Social Care Inspector

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