

2788340

Registered provider: Nurture Childcare Services Limited

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 offers care for up to two children who may experience social and/or emotional difficulties.

The home and manager registered with Ofsted in September 2024.

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

Inspection date: 18 March 2025

Date of last inspection: not previously inspected

Judgement at last inspection: not applicable

Enforcement action since last inspection: not applicable

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 recently been refurbished to ensure that it is appropriate for the children's requirements. Children have access to a large outdoor space that includes a football pitch and barbecue area.

Risk assessment templates are in place. These are reviewed regularly to ensure that they contain the most up-to-date information. Regular audits are carried out to ensure that all relevant risks are identified and monitored. Potential triggers for challenging behaviour and strategies that staff can employ to manage it are all included in behaviour support plans. This will help 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 care for the children safely and consistently. Staff receive training in therapeutic parenting and trauma-informed practice. This is detailed in the home's statement of purpose. Staff training is also assessed to ensure that it meets the children's specific needs. 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 checks all records on a regular basis. Systems are in place to ensure that all placing local authority care plans and other important records are clearly accessible.

The home uses safer recruitment processes to recruit staff, including reviewing and updating police checks on a regular basis. This means only people who are deemed suitable to work with children are employed to work in the home.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 2788340

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Nurture Childcare Services Limited

Registered provider address: Seighford Hall, Clanford Road, Seighford, Stafford ST18 9NL

Responsible individual:

Registered manager: Martin Hodgson

Inspector

James Meeks, Social Care Inspector

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