

1228191

Registered provider: Aspireone Care Ltd

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home registered with Ofsted in October 2024 and is privately owned. It provides care for up to 3 children who have had adverse childhood experiences.

At the time of this inspection, 3 children were living in the home and one child spoke with the inspector.

The registered manager post is currently vacant. A new manager has been appointed and will submit an application to register with Ofsted once they take up the role.

Inspection date: 16 February 2026

Date of last inspection: 30 September 2025

Judgement at last inspection: requires improvement to be good

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.

Since the last inspection, the home has experienced a period of instability, including the departure of both the registered manager and the deputy manager. Despite this, leaders have acted proactively to ensure the home continues to be managed effectively. They have maintained consistency in the care provided to children and have taken appropriate steps to address the shortfalls identified at the previous inspection.

Leaders and managers have satisfactorily addressed most of the concerns raised at the last inspection. They have engaged in meaningful reflection and learning, and regular monitoring by leaders has contributed to improved practice and better outcomes for children.

There has been an improvement in how staff respond when children present under the influence of substances, with medical assistance now being sought more consistently. However, on one occasion, staff did not seek medical attention after a child sustained a significant head injury at school. Managers addressed this promptly, reinforcing expectations and reminding staff of their responsibilities to ensure this does not happen again.

Staff work hard to continue supporting children and ensuring their safety during this period of change. Their efforts are recognised by leaders, who also acknowledge that staff will require support to adjust to new arrangements and expectations as the home's culture inevitably evolves under new leadership.

Monitoring of the home has improved, providing leaders with better oversight of day-to-day practice and emerging issues. Ofsted is notified of significant incidents, in line with regulatory requirements, supporting a cohesive and transparent approach to safeguarding. Guidance for staff and behaviour management plans are currently being reviewed to ensure staff have clear and robust direction to promote children's safety. The requirement made under regulation 12 at the last inspection has been restated.

Children feel a sense of belonging and feel valued in the home. There have been noticeable improvements to the home environment since the last inspection. The home is clean, tidy and well maintained. Recent decorating has contributed to a more homely and welcoming atmosphere, and damage caused after incidents has been repaired.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
30/09/2025	Full	Requires improvement to be good
11/12/2024	Full	Good
19/03/2024	Full	Good
14/02/2023	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 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 must comply within 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 the home's day-to-day care is arranged and delivered so as to keep each child safe and to protect each child effectively from harm. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(b)) In particular, ensure that risk assessments are up to date, thorough and accurate.	20 April 2026

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 1228191

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Aspireone Care Ltd

Registered provider address: 4 Lyme Drive, Lyme Vale Court, Parklands, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire ST4 6NW

Responsible individual: Kalvinder Bains

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Tonia Dubidat, Social Care Inspector

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