

1262657

Registered provider: Aspris Care North West Limited

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is operated by a private provider. It provides care for up to 2 children who experience emotional and social difficulties.

The home was registered with Ofsted in September 2017. The manager registered with Ofsted on 22 November 2024.

At the time of this inspection, one child was living at the home. The inspector spoke to the child.

Inspection dates: 27 and 28 January 2026

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people, taking into account	good
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How well children and young people are helped and protected	good
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The effectiveness of leaders and managers	good
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The children's home provides effective services that meet the requirements for good.

Date of last inspection: 18 February 2025

Overall judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
18/02/2025	Full	Good
19/12/2023	Full	Good
05/01/2023	Full	Good
25/10/2022	Full	Inadequate

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

The child said they are happy, feel safe and have a trusted adult they can speak to if they have any worries. The child said, 'Everyone is sound.' One family member said, 'It is the best thing that has happened to [them]. [They are] smiling now.'

The child has made progress since moving into the home. They have a tutor who visits the home, who stated, 'The progress [name of child] has made since I have been coming is fantastic. [They] would not write before and now [they are].' Staff value the child's education and have been proactive in supporting them to achieve positive outcomes.

Staff support the child to maintain positive relationships with their family. This means that the child maintains their family identity and can have relationships with people who are important to them.

There are clear health plans in place for the child. They are registered with local health services. There has been a significant reduction in the child's incidents of self-harm. The staff team has regular consultations with the in-house therapist and child and adolescent mental health services.

Staff support the child to take part in weekly activities that include trampolining, basketball and ping pong. Staff have provided an area in the home for the child to have their own gym area. This has meant that the child has grown in confidence and keeps fit and healthy.

How well children and young people are helped and protected: good

Staff know the child well and have built trusting relationships with them. They are aware of their safeguarding responsibilities and how to keep children safe. They know what to do in a range of different safeguarding scenarios. This means that the child feels protected.

The child receives care from a committed staff team that knows the child well. Since moving into the home, the child has been made subject to a deprivation of liberty order due to an increased risk and to safeguard the child in times of crisis. The child fully understands the reason why the order is in place.

Risk management plans clearly identify risks and vulnerabilities and actions to reduce risks. These plans are supported by a detailed behaviour management plan. Staff use their positive relationships with the child to de-escalate situations, in line with these plans.

Staff are trained to meet the needs of children and to keep children safe. When risks change, staff are supported to access additional training. This means that the child is cared for by staff who are trained to keep them safe. One professional said, 'Interactions observed with staff are child centred, calm toned and staff are aware of [name of child]'s complex needs.'

The child has regular opportunities to share their views about the home and the care they receive. They are aware of the complaints procedure and have used this when they want to share their views. The child has had access to an independent advocate.

Safe recruitment procedures are followed for new staff. This means that the child is protected from the risk of unsuitable adults being employed to work in the home.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

The home is managed by a suitably experienced and qualified registered manager. The manager is committed to improving outcomes for children and has been a strong advocate for the child currently residing in the home.

Staff say that they are supported by the manager. They say that they have regular supervision and annual appraisals, which they find beneficial. In relation to how they are supported by the manager, one staff member said, '[Name of manager] is extremely dedicated and knowledgeable in her role. [Name of manager]'s guidance, support and commitment has a knock-on effect with the team and fosters a positive and encouraging work environment for us all.'

Leaders and managers work jointly with partner agencies to consider children's risks and the most effective way to manage these so that children receive care that promotes their safety and wellbeing.

Team meetings take place regularly. They are structured and well attended. The agenda is varied but always includes in-depth discussions of the children and supports staff to reflect on their practice. Since the last inspection, the manager has identified research for the staff team to read in line with the child's vulnerabilities and risks. This will be incorporated within team meetings and supervision of staff to improve practice moving forward.

What does the children's home need to do to improve?

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that staff are provided with the opportunity to reflect and develop the research and practice information that the home provides within supervision and team meetings. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards' page 61, paragraph 13.2)

Information about this inspection

The inspector has looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people, using the social care common inspection framework. This 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'.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 1262657

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered manager: Rebecca Fishwick

Inspector

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