

2595021

Registered provider: Aspris Care North West Limited

Assurance inspection

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 2 children who may experience social and emotional difficulties.

The manager registered with Ofsted in December 2023.

Inspection date: 17 March 2026

Date of last inspection: 21 October 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.

Inspectors have 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 one child has moved out of the home. Planning for the child to move into their new home was not considered at this inspection.

At the time of this inspection, one child was living at the home. Prior to the child moving into the home, leaders and managers gathered information about the child's needs from family members and professionals who know the child well. The child visited the home, met with staff and stayed overnight before they moved in. This helped the child to settle in quickly.

The child attends school regularly. They have experienced a settled period in education since living at the home. Information included in the child's education, health and care plan is used to provide individualised care to the child. This includes support to meet their personal hygiene needs through verbal prompts and visual reminders.

The manager and staff have developed positive relationships with family members and professionals. The child spends time overnight with a parent every week. Managers and staff regularly share important information about the child's progress and wellbeing. This ensures that the child receives consistent care from all caregivers. A parent and social worker shared positive feedback about the child's progress since living at the home.

Risk assessments and support plans are updated regularly and clearly identify the child's individual risks and vulnerabilities. Staff follow the strategies set out in the child's plan to minimise risks. Staff regularly talk to the child about any issues that could impact on their safety.

Since the last inspection one incident in the home was managed appropriately by staff. The manager evaluated the incident, and a reflective conversation took place with staff involved. Staff helped the child to understand risks associated with the behaviour. Records of incidents behaviour displayed by the child are kept. The manager regularly reviews these records to consider any patterns and identify any learning for staff. However, on one occasion, the record did not align with the homes recording procedures. This shortfall in recording did not impact on the child's safety.

Staff receive training to meet the child's individual needs. Team meetings are used to share important information about how the child needs to be supported. However, leaders and managers have not ensured that the child's needs align with the care that can be provided, as set out in the home's statement of purpose.

Staff receive regular, reflective supervision and there is a focus on staff wellbeing. Children's experiences, needs and plans are discussed. Staff are encouraged to reflect on their practice. Since the last inspection, staff have been supported to achieve or enrol on the appropriate qualification.

Leaders and managers understand the placing authority plans for the child. They work closely with family members and professionals to support the child's plan for permanence.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
21/10/2025	Full	Requires improvement to be good
11/02/2025	Full	Good
30/01/2024	Full	Good
14/03/2023	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(s) must take to meet the Care Standards Act 2000, 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 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 staff— assess whether each child is at risk of harm, taking into account information in the child's relevant plans, and, if necessary, make arrangements to reduce the risk of any harm to the child; have the skills to identify and act upon signs that a child is at risk of harm; take effective action whenever there is a serious concern about a child's welfare; and are familiar with, and act in accordance with, the home's child protection policies. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(a)(i)(iii)(vi)(vii)) Specifically, the registered person must ensure that staff remain vigilant to risks for children and that they understand the homes processes for recording and escalating identified risks for managers to consider.	17 June 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.	17 June 2026

In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to— 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; use monitoring and review systems to make continuous improvements in the quality of care provided in the home. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(f)(h)) Specifically, the registered manager must ensure that monitoring and review systems are used effectively, to identify areas of learning in order to make continuous improvements.	
The care planning standard is that children— receive effectively planned care in or through the children's home; and have a positive experience of arriving at or moving on from the home. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that children are admitted to the home only if their needs are within the range of needs of children for whom it is intended that the home is to provide care and accommodation, as set out in the home's statement of purpose; (Regulation 14 (1)(a)(b) (2)(a)) Specifically, the registered manager must ensure that children are only admitted to the home if their primary need meets the care that can be provided, as outlined in the statement of purpose.	17 June 2026
The registered person must compile in relation to the children's home a statement ("the statement of purpose") which covers the matters listed in Schedule 1. Subject to paragraph (6), the registered person must ensure that the home is at all times conducted in a manner which is consistent with its statement of purpose.	17 June 2026

Nothing in paragraph (5) or regulation 46 (review of premises) requires or authorises the registered person to contravene or not comply with— any other provision of these Regulations; or any conditions in relation to the registration of the registered person under Part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000. (Regulation 16 (1) (5) (6)(a)(b)) Specifically, the registered person must ensure that children are only admitted to the home if their primary need meets the care that can be provided, as set out in the homes statement of purpose. The document must accurately reflect the experience and qualifications of staff.	
The health and well-being standard is that— the health and well-being needs of children are met; children receive advice, services and support in relation to their health and well-being. (Regulation 10 (1)(a)(b)) This requirement was not considered at this inspection and is restated.	17 June 2026

Recommendations

- The registered person should ensure that any consequence used to address poor behaviour should be conducted and recorded in line with Regulation 35. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards,' page 46, paragraph 9.38)

Children's home details

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Provision sub-type: Children's home

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