

2630934

Registered provider: Aspris Children's Services Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is operated by a large national provider. The home provides care for up to five children with social and/or emotional difficulties and mild learning disabilities.

A new manager has been appointed and has applied to register.

Inspection date: 15 March 2023

This monitoring visit

This monitoring visit took place as the provider gave Ofsted notice of their intention to admit children after a period of closure. The visit was to ensure that the home was safe for children to move into, with a suitable manager and adequate staff team.

On 26 August 2022, the provider informed Ofsted they were planning to close the home as they had been unable to recruit a new manager. The previous manager left on 30 June 2022 and the provider was unable to recruit enough suitable staff. At the time, one child was living at the home, a planned transition was underway and the child subsequently moved out. Ofsted issued a notice of decision on 4 November 2022 to impose a condition that the provider must give Ofsted three months' notice of their intention to admit children.

A new manager has been appointed and has applied for registration with Ofsted. The manager is experienced and keen to support children to move into the home. She has been well supported by the senior leadership team to undertake a thorough review of the home's systems.

There has been a full refurbishment of the home, to ensure that it is of a high standard for children to move into. The home has been fully redecorated, with new furniture and soft furnishings purchased. The children's bedrooms are ready for

them to move into, with further personalisation planned for each child to match their own style and preferences.

The manager has updated the home's statement of purpose and ensured that the new staff team is aware of her ethos and high expectations for the quality of care for children. The manager has well-organised systems for children's case recording and for the oversight and monitoring of the management systems in the home. As a result, requirements raised at the last inspection under regulation 13, the leadership and management standard, and regulation 36, children's case records, have been met. The children's guide has been updated to ensure that it is clear how children can make a complaint and the manager has ensured that complaints forms are available in children's welcome packs. This means a recommendation from the last inspection has been met.

The manager has also reviewed the location risk assessment for the home to ensure that staff can support children to keep safe and be aware of hazards in the local area. As a result, a recommendation from the last inspection has been met.

The manager has reviewed the arrangements for the administration of medication. The system for recording medication and for medication storage is clear and staff have received training in the safe management of medication. However, as no medication has been administered while the home has been closed, the requirement made at the last inspection under regulation 23, medicines, was not able to be tested during this visit and is restated.

New staff have been safely recruited and have received training to ensure they can meet the needs of children. The staff have been working in other homes in the organisation to develop their skills and experience while also having team meetings and training together. The manager is undertaking supervision with the staff to share her vision for the home. The planned rota ensures that there is a suitable mix of qualified and experienced staff on duty at all times to meet the needs of children.

Following this monitoring visit, the three-month condition has been lifted and the home is ready to admit children.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
30/11/2021	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 with the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
The registered person must make arrangements for the handling, recording, safekeeping, safe administration and disposal of medicines received into the children's home. In particular, the registered person must ensure that— medicine which is prescribed for a child is administered as prescribed to the child for whom it is prescribed and to no other child. (Regulation 23 (1) (2)(b)) This specifically relates to ensuring that medication is administered to children as prescribed. This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.	26 April 2023

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: 2630934

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Aspris Children's Services Limited

Registered provider address: The Forge, Church Street West, Woking, Surrey
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Responsible individual: Laura Rider

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Jessica Forshaw, Social Care Inspector

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