

SC063895

Registered provider: Aspris Care Central Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This privately owned children's home provides care for up to 4 children with social and emotional needs and/or learning disabilities.

At the time of the inspection, 2 children were living at the home.

There has been no registered manager since April 2025. A manager has been appointed, and they have applied to register with Ofsted.

Inspection date: 10 March 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.

During this inspection, some shortfalls were identified. However, senior leaders have taken appropriate action to address these shortfalls and have begun to embed these changes into care practice.

When children have come to live at the home, their compatibility to live with other children was not thoroughly explored. Managers did not adequately consider the risks associated with children and how these could be mitigated. This resulted in a high number of incidents and episodes of children going missing from the home. For one child, immediate notice was served and their time at the home ended.

The senior leadership team has acted swiftly and completed a review of the admissions policy to reflect on the issues identified. Following this, leaders have taken steps to review the home's admission and matching protocols to ensure an additional level of scrutiny for future children moving into the home. However, these changes are yet to be tested in practice.

Children say they feel safe. However, one child said that they felt unsafe for a period due to an increase in the number of incidents in the home. Children can identify staff they can talk to if they have any worries. Staff know children well and demonstrate a good understanding of their individual needs.

Children are offered space to reflect and talk following incidents. However, conversations with children on how to keep themselves safe are not consistently undertaken. Children are not always supported to develop the skills and knowledge needed to keep themselves safe both inside and outside the home.

When children raise concerns about staff or others, the staff take immediate action to safeguard them and notify relevant external professionals. However, managers are not consistently proactive in obtaining updates from external professionals to confirm whether appropriate action has been taken. In addition, the outcomes of investigations are not always clearly recorded or accessible within records.

When children go missing from the home, staff follow children's individual missing-from-home risk assessments. Staff contact individuals who may know where children are and search local areas to locate them. However, on one occasion, due to limited staffing levels, staff were unable to follow a child who had left the home. Reviews of staffing levels when incidents increased were not completed in a timely manner.

Children's risk assessments identify their current needs and outline actions staff should take if concerns arise. These assessments are reviewed and updated to ensure they remain current. For one child, historical information is included in the assessment that is irrelevant to the child's current circumstances. This reduces

clarity of the assessment and impacts staff's understanding of the child's current risks and needs.

Staff highlight that the support from senior leaders is a noticeable improvement since the last inspection. Staff report that senior leaders are visible within the home and provide additional support when needed.

Senior leaders have increased audit activity within the home to strengthen oversight and drive improvements. Leaders demonstrate learning when things have not gone well, and actions taken to address these issues are beginning to be embedded into practice.

Managers have taken steps to address the requirements raised at the previous inspection. Three requirements have been met. Two requirements have been reissued.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
30/09/2025	Full	Requires improvement to be good
04/02/2025	Full	Outstanding
12/03/2024	Full	Outstanding
01/03/2023	Full	Outstanding

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, The 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; help each child to understand how to keep safe; have the skills to identify and act upon signs that a child is at risk of harm; manage relationships between children to prevent them from harming each other; understand the roles and responsibilities in relation to protecting children that are assigned to them by the registered person; 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)(ii)(iii)(iv)(v)(vi)(vii)) In particular, the registered person should only admit children whose needs they can meet. The registered person should ensure that thorough matching of children is completed before children move into the home.	24 April 2026

The registered person should support children to understand how to keep themselves safe.	
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. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to— lead and manage the home in a way that is consistent with the approach and ethos, and delivers the outcomes, set out in the home's statement of purpose; ensure that staff work as a team where appropriate; ensure that staff have the experience, qualifications and skills to meet the needs of each child; ensure that the home has sufficient staff to provide care for each child; ensure that the home's workforce provides continuity of care to each child. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(a)(b)(c)(d)(e)) In particular, the registered person should ensure that staffing levels are appropriate for children and that reviews are completed without delay. The registered person should ensure that steps are taken to ensure that when children raise concerns about people outside the home, they are aware that appropriate steps have been taken when concerns have been shared. The registered person should ensure that conclusions of investigations are clearly recorded.	24 April 2026

Recommendation

- The registered person should ensure that staff continually and actively assess the risks to each child and the arrangements in place to protect them. Risk assessments should contain details relevant to children and their current needs.

The registered person should review information in risk assessments to ensure that it remains relevant. ('Guide to Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 42, paragraph 9.5)

Children's home details

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Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Inspector

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