

SC393567

Registered provider: Aspris Children's Services Limited

Full inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is owned by a private company. Its statement of purpose specifies that it provides care for up to five children, aged between nine and 18 years.

The manager registered with Ofsted on 17 October 2022.

Inspection dates: 14 and 15 March 2023

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: 15 February 2022

Overall judgement at last inspection: outstanding

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
15/02/2022	Full	Outstanding
03/09/2019	Full	Outstanding
06/06/2018	Full	Good
05/07/2017	Full	Good

Inspection judgements

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people: good

Two children currently live at the home. Children are becoming more independent. Staff support children to have time in the community unsupervised and, as a result, they have made new friends. Staff support children to understand their feelings and develop strategies to manage their emotions. Staff prompt children to improve their self-care. This has helped children to build their confidence.

Children have fun and have genuine friendships with one another. Successful admission processes have led to both children living at the home for some time. Staff ensure that activities are enjoyable and tailored to their likes. Children have learned how to skateboard together and they enjoy this hobby, learning new tricks.

Children regularly attend school. Staff have ensured that attendance has improved, and children are more settled in class. Regular meetings and close communication between the staff and the headteacher ensure that children's learning is continued at home. For example, staff continue discussions and activities at home that have been taught in school.

Staff support children to see their families. Children are spending more time with their families at weekends and are more settled. Staff have regular communication with families and have started to use a new communication system to keep families and professionals updated on life in the home. Children feel valued and enjoy their achievements being shared with important people in their life.

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

On the rare occasion that children have left the home without permission, staff's response has been positive. Staff have searched local areas, called the police quickly and acted on learning after the event to help prevent further incidents. Communication with others has helped inform future missing-from-care plans.

Children are extremely settled and value the emotional support offered by staff. Children feel at home and they like the staff who care for them. Children contribute to the running of the home and understand the boundaries in place. When consequences are used, they are meaningful, and children are helped to understand the impact of their behaviours. This has resulted in children becoming more socially aware.

Staff support children to share their views and they use activities to challenge their perceptions. Regular celebrations of different cultures, religions and identities take place. Children are supported to learn interactively about historical events and consider the feelings of others. This gives children a better understanding of the community around them.

Children know how to complain. Staff know how to report concerns internally and externally. Safeguarding training is refreshed regularly. When concerns arise, the manager acts promptly and informs the local authority designated officer. Learning is implemented and children know that they have been listened to.

The effectiveness of leaders and managers: good

The manager has ensured that children have remained settled and continue to make progress. The manager monitors and reviews all aspects of the home. This ensures that children remain well cared for and areas for improvement are identified and acted on. The manager has a clear development plan and work is underway to make further improvements and fully embed new practices.

Staff are positive about the support they receive and feel valued. Since the last inspection, no staff have left. Staff have regular supervisions and are well trained, and a comprehensive induction supports them to fulfil their role. As a result, staff are motivated to give their best to children and children in return value the support they receive from them.

External professionals are positive about the manager's influence in the home. Families, the children's headteacher and a social worker were positive about the manager's communication and the progress children have made. The headteacher spoke positively about the manager and how they had helped to inform an improved missing-from-school procedure.

The manager listens to children and acts on their suggestions. Children have benefited from changes to activities, food, play equipment in the home and the decoration of their bedrooms. This has empowered the children and has created an environment of mutual respect between everyone.

Information about this inspection

Inspectors have 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: SC393567

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: Michelle Garstang

Registered manager: Glen Strowbridge

Inspector

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