

SC402385

Registered provider: Aspris Children's Services Limited

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

A private company owns this home. It provides care for up to four children, aged between eight and 18 years, who have complex needs which may include autism, spectrum disorders and complex associated difficulties.

At the time of this inspection a new manager had been appointed.

Inspection date: 1 February 2022

Date of last inspection: 16 June 2021

Judgement at last inspection: requires improvement to be good

Enforcement action since last inspection: None

This inspection

The effectiveness of the home and the progress and experiences of children and young people since the most recent full inspection

This home was judged requires improvement to be good at the last full inspection. At this interim inspection, the home was not judged.

The home was closed by the provider in August 2021 to allow for building work to be completed and a new manager to be recruited. There have been no children living at the home during this period.

The inspector spoke to the responsible individual and the newly appointed manager on the telephone to complete this inspection. Building work has been concluded and the home is now in the process of being decorated and refurbished throughout.

Annual health and safety checks remain current, and an independent visitor visits the home monthly and has identified no issues or concerns.

A new manager has been recruited and is in the process of registering with Ofsted.

Currently, there are not enough staff for the home to open. However, recruitment is on-going, and those staff already appointed are being supported to work at other children's homes within the organisation.

The provider will review and update the home's statement of purpose to reflect the new staff changes before the home reopens. The target date for the home to be operational is April 2022.

The requirements and recommendations made at the full inspection in June 2021 were not looked at on this inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
16/06/2021	Full	Requires improvement to be good
07/01/2020	Full	Good
04/07/2018	Full	Good
23/05/2017	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 the premises used for the purposes of the home are designed, furnished and maintained so as to protect each child from avoidable hazards to the child's health. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(d)) This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.	30 September 2021
The education standard is that children make measurable progress towards achieving their educational potential and are helped to do so. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that staff— help a child who is excluded from school, or who is of compulsory school age but not attending school, to access educational and training support throughout the period of exclusion or non-attendance and to return to school as soon as possible. (Regulation 8 (1) (2)(a)(viii)) This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.	31 July 2021
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—	31 July 2021

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. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(a)(i)) This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.	
In meeting the quality standards, the registered person must, and must ensure that staff— seek to involve each child’s placing authority effectively in the child’s care, in accordance with the child’s relevant plans; seek to secure the input and services required to meet each child’s needs. (Regulation 5 (a)(b)) This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.	31 July 2021
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. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(a)) This requirement was made at the last inspection and is restated.	31 July 2021

Recommendations

- The registered person should ensure that staff can access appropriate resources to support their training needs. This specifically relates to learning about Tourette's Syndrome ('Guide to the children's homes regulations, including the quality standards', page 53, paragraph 10.11)
- The registered person should ensure that staff are familiar with the home's policies on record keeping and understand the importance of careful, objective, and clear recording. ('Guide to the children's homes regulations, including the quality standards', page 62, paragraph 14.4)
- The registered person should ensure that all staff follow the home's policies and procedures for the benefit of the children in the home's care. Everyone working at the home must understand their roles and responsibilities and what they are authorised to decide on their own initiative. There should be clear lines of accountability. The home must have clear arrangements in place to maintain effective management when the manager is absent, off duty or on leave. ('Guide to the children's homes regulations including, the quality standards', page 54, paragraph 10.20)

Information about this inspection

This inspection focused on the effectiveness of the home and the progress and experiences of children and young people since the most recent full 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: SC402385

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

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