

SC402385

Registered provider: Aspris Children's Services Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is owned by a private company. It provides care for up to three children aged between eight and 18 years who may experience social and emotional difficulties.

At the time of this visit, one child was living at the home, and they spoke to the inspector.

The post for a registered manager has been vacant since May 2025.

Inspection date: 6 January 2026

This monitoring visit

Serious and widespread concerns were identified at this home during a monitoring visit carried out on 4 November 2025. Ofsted issued a compliance notice under regulation 13. The purpose of this visit was to review the provider's progress in meeting the compliance notice.

While some actions identified in the compliance notice have been carried out, the compliance notice has not been met and has been restated.

At the last monitoring visit, four requirements were raised. At this visit, the inspector found that three had been met. No additional requirements or recommendations were made.

There is currently one child living in the home. Since the last monitoring visit, one child has moved out of the home, and no new children have moved in.

An interim manager was in post between May and December 2025, but they did not register with Ofsted and have now left the organisation. The provider has notified Ofsted of their intention to close the home, but at the time of the visit, a voluntary

cancellation form had not been received. They explained that they want to find a suitable home for the child before submitting their voluntary cancellation form.

In the absence of a manager, the responsible individual and other senior leaders have ensured that they are present in the home to provide management oversight as they work towards closing the home.

Oversight of staff training remains an issue. Three staff members had not received training relevant to their role, including safeguarding and first-aid training. Although dates for this are now scheduled, leaders were not aware that staff were overdue until recently and, as a result, were unable to prevent this from occurring.

The home has only two full-time and one part-time permanent members of staff. Further staff members have left since the last inspection, and leaders have been reliant on agency staff and bank staff to care for the child. Leaders have attempted to minimise the impact of this on the child by using the same members of agency staff and bank staff, but this is not always possible. The child living in the home has said they find the number of staff coming into and out of their life difficult.

Despite these shortfalls, there have been improvements. The child told the inspector that they now feel safe in the home. Staff's care of the child is now informed by plans that are up to date and accurately reflect the child's needs. As a result, incidents in the home have reduced. There have been no incidents of restraint or of the child going missing.

Since the monitoring visit in November 2025, there has been one allegation made by the child against one member of staff. Leaders have taken appropriate action upon becoming aware of the allegation. However, this was delayed, as the previous manager had not acted on the allegation, and so leaders were unaware of it.

Staff feel very supported by senior leaders, and particularly the responsible individual, who they describe as a 'great support' and a 'breath of fresh air'.

Communication between leaders and the child's professionals has also improved. This has supported a more joined-up and transparent approach to caring for the child. This is likely to support a positive transition for the child from the home.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
22/04/2025	Full	Good
14/05/2024	Full	Requires improvement to be good
01/02/2022	Interim	Not judged
16/06/2021	Full	Requires improvement to be 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, 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 with the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
*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— ensure that staff work as a team where appropriate; 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; demonstrate that practice in the home is informed and improved by taking into account and acting on— feedback on the experiences of children, including complaints received. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b) (2)(b)(d)(e)(g)(ii)) Specifically, leaders and managers must ensure that: there is a suitably qualified and experienced manager in post; effective leadership is in place to provide consistent and robust monitoring and oversight of children's care and safety; all staff have access to the necessary training to enable them to care for children effectively; there is an effective staff team to provide stability and consistency for children; the use of temporary staff is reduced, and where temporary staff are used, they are integrated into the team to promote effective teamwork and continuity of care for children.	22 February 2026

*These requirements are subject to a compliance notice.

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: SC402385

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Aspris Children's Services Limited

Registered provider address: 2 Barton Close, Grove Park, Enderby, Leicester
LE19 1SJ

Responsible individual:

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

John Tomlinson, Social Care Inspector

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