

SC402385

Aspris Children's Services Limited

Monitoring visit

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, with complex needs, which may include autism spectrum disorder and complex associated difficulties.

At the time of this monitoring visit, there was no registered manager in post. A manager from within the organisation has been appointed and intends to make an application to register.

Inspection date: 28 September 2023

This monitoring visit

On 6 December 2022, Ofsted imposed a condition of registration requiring the provider to give Ofsted three months' notice of their intention to move a child in to the home.

On 20 July 2023, the provider confirmed to Ofsted that they intended to reopen the home. The provider advised Ofsted that the plan was for children and staff from another home within the organisation to move house to this home to allow for the closure of the other premises. The purpose of this monitoring visit was to assess the provider's readiness for children to move in to this home.

The monitoring visit found that there were sufficient staff to safely care for children. However, the lack of a current health and safety assessment or a current fire risk assessment meant that it was unclear if the premises were a safe place for children to live. In addition, carpets were found to be grubby and there was an unpleasant odour in some rooms.

The provider has plans in place for the shortfalls to be addressed and is working closely with Ofsted to evidence that the necessary action has been taken in

preparation to reopen the home. It is anticipated that this work will be completed in readiness for children to move in to the home in November 2023.

Requirements and recommendations made at the last inspection are restated and will be tested at a future inspection when the home is operational.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
01/02/2022	Interim	Not judged
16/06/2021	Full	Requires improvement to be good
07/01/2020	Full	Good
04/07/2018	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, 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 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 syndrome. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 53, paragraph 10.11)
- Staff should be 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 is responsible for ensuring 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. Each 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

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: Aspris, The Forge, 43 Church Street West, Woking, Surrey GU21 6HT

Responsible individual: Emma Jones

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Stacie Sharpe, Social Care Inspector

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