

SC467155

Registered provider: Aspris Children's Services Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This privately owned home is run by a large provider. It is registered to care for up to four children with learning disabilities and focuses on caring for children with complex needs that may include autism spectrum disorder and associated difficulties. The home is located on the campus of the provider's school, which the children attend.

This inspection was limited to the children's home and did not include the provider's education provision.

The home has been without a registered manager since September 2021.

Inspection date: 13 July 2022

This monitoring visit

One young person was living in this home at the time of this monitoring visit. He was due to move on to his adult placement the week after this visit. Once he has moved on, the organisation has no plans to admit any more children to the home.

The provider has made progress and addressed a number of the shortfalls identified at the previous inspection.

The young person's plans are now clearer and provide consistent information to inform staff how to meet his needs. While some staff have still not signed to say they have read all the plans, they know the young person well and understand how to care for him.

Staff have accessed suitable healthcare advice and support to inform the healthcare plan and guide practice with regard to supporting the young person's health needs

and emotional well-being. The school's therapies team has provided a sensory diet plan for the young person. Staff make good use of social stories, produced by the therapies team, for his transition to his adult placement and these are a useful and supportive tool for him.

Staff are feeling more confident in managing the young person's behaviours that may challenge. His incidents of aggression towards staff have significantly reduced and his mood appears to have significantly improved. On occasions, staff employ a strategy of leaving the room when it is felt unsafe or necessary to help the young person manage periods of crisis. Since the last inspection, staff have improved their practice in managing behaviours and are using this strategy much less. All staff are trained in the same behaviour management approach and the young person's plans are clear on how to respond.

The requirement linked to staff having safeguarding training before returning to work after suspension cannot be tested, as the member of staff remains away from the home. However, other staff have had refresher training in safeguarding and other mandatory training as needed.

There is improved monitoring in the home and of most aspects of the young person's care. In particular, the monitoring of behaviour and post-incident debriefs are now more carefully evaluated. The managers are being supported by senior leaders and there is improved and effective joint working across the school site, in particular with the therapies team. Staff have the training to meet the needs of the young person at the home.

The manager's monitoring report of the quality of care provided in the home has been completed but not sent to Ofsted as required by regulation.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
11/05/2022	Full	Inadequate
29/06/2021	Full	Good
23/01/2019	Full	Good
26/02/2018	Interim	Declined in effectiveness

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 positive relationships standard is that children are helped to develop, and to benefit from, relationships based on— mutual respect and trust; an understanding about acceptable behaviour; and positive responses to other children and adults. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that staff— meet each child's behavioural and emotional needs, as set out in the child's relevant plans; help each child to develop socially aware behaviour. (Regulation 11 (1)(a)(b)(c) (2)(a)(i)(ii)) In particular, the registered person must ensure that staff have the skills to meet children's behavioural needs and that behaviours are monitored and evaluated.	31 August 2022
The registered person must— supply to HMCI a copy of the quality of care review report within 28 days of the date on which the quality of care review is completed. (Regulation 45 (4)(a))	31 August 2022

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: SC467155

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Aspris Children's Services Limited

Registered provider address: The Forge, Church Street West, Woking, Surrey
GU21 6HT

Responsible individual: Hannah Cox

Registered manager: Post vacant

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