

SC476486

Registered provider: 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 is registered for up to seven children, whose complex needs may be associated with having autism spectrum disorder and related difficulties.

The manager was registered with Ofsted in March 2021. She is experienced and appropriately qualified.

Inspection date: 6 April 2022

This monitoring visit

This children's home was judged inadequate at the full inspection on 15 and 16 February 2022. Serious and widespread concerns were found in the protection of children and leadership and management. As a result, eight requirements were raised. The report is available on Ofsted's website.

The purpose of this monitoring visit was to view the provider's progress since the full inspection.

No children were living at the home. The child who was living at the home at the time of the full inspection left two days later.

Currently, there are not enough staff for the home to open. However, recent recruitment has been undertaken and successful candidates are going through safer recruitment checks. The provider is in the process of reviewing and updating the home's statement of purpose to reflect these staffing changes.

Annual health and safety checks remain current and no issues have arisen relating to the environment since the last child moved out. The provider intends to redecorate

the home before another child moves in. An independent visitor visits the home monthly and has identified no issues or concerns with the environment.

The responsible individual has submitted an action plan to Ofsted with work undertaken to address the eight requirements raised at the last inspection. Some positive work has been undertaken in addressing these shortfalls. As the requirements remain in date they have not been judged during this visit. They will be reviewed at the next inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
15/02/2022	Full	Inadequate
24/10/2019	Interim	Declined in effectiveness
01/07/2019	Full	Good
05/03/2019	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 health and well-being standard is that— the health and well-being needs of children are met; and children are helped to lead healthy lifestyles. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that staff help each child to— take part in activities, and attend any appointments, for the purpose of meeting the child's health and well-being needs. (Regulation 10 (1)(a)(c) (2)(a)(iii)) This specifically relates to ensuring that children's medication reviews are scheduled when required.	25 April 2022
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 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 specifically relates to ensuring that risk assessments include all information about known risks to the child and set out clear guidance for staff about how to manage and reduce these risks.	25 April 2022

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 have the experience, qualifications and skills to meet the needs of each child; ensure that the home has sufficient staff to provide care for each child; understand the impact that the quality of care provided in the home is having on the progress and experiences of each child and use this understanding to inform the development of the quality of care provided in the home; and use monitoring and review systems to make continuous improvements in the quality of care provided in the home. (Regulation 13 (1)(b) (2)(c)(d)(f)(h)) This specifically relates to ensuring that there are sufficient staff, that they have received mandatory training, and that they receive induction and supervision. In addition, the registered manager must ensure that investigation activity takes place when there are concerns about staff's practice.	25 April 2022
The registered person must ensure that— at all times, at least one person on duty at the home has a suitable first aid qualification. (Regulation 31 (2)(a))	25 April 2022
The registered person must recruit staff using recruitment procedures that are designed to ensure children's safety. The registered person may only— employ an individual to work at the children's home; or if an individual is employed by a person other than the registered person to work at the home in a position in which	25 April 2022

the individual may have regular contact with children, allow that individual to work at the home, if the individual satisfies the requirements in paragraph (3). The requirements are that— full and satisfactory information is available in relation to the individual in respect of each of the matters in Schedule 2. (Regulation 32 (1) (2)(a)(b) (3)(d)) This specifically relates to the registered manager ensuring that all gaps in employment are checked and information about the worker is clear and consistent.	
The registered person must ensure that— within 24 hours of the use of a measure of control, discipline or restraint in relation to a child in the home, a record is made which includes— details of the child's behaviour leading to the use of the measure; a description of the measure and its duration; details of any methods used or steps taken to avoid the need to use the measure; the effectiveness and any consequences of the use of the measure; within 48 hours of the use of the measure, the registered person, or a person who is authorised by the registered person to do so ("the authorised person")— has spoken to the user about the measure; and has signed the record to confirm it is accurate. (Regulation 35 (3)(a)(ii)(iv)(v)(vii)(b)(i)(ii)) This specifically relates to the provider ensuring that recording of interventions used is clear, and that children and staff receive debriefs following incidents.	25 April 2022
Schedule 4 sets out the other information that the registered person must keep in relation to a children's home.	25 April 2022

The registered person must— maintain in the home the records in Schedule 4. (Regulation 37 (1) (2)(a)) This specifically relates to the home having an up-to-date rota.	
The registered person must maintain records ("case records") for each child which— include the information and documents listed in Schedule 3 in relation to each child; are kept up to date. (Regulation 36 (1)(a)(b)) This specifically relates to the need for a child's up-to-date care plan and education plan to be in place.	25 April 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

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Provision sub-type: Children's home

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