



Aspire Medical Provision Admissions Policy

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1. Purpose and context

Aspire Medical Provision supports those students of compulsory school age who are unable to attend school due to their mental health needs, and are referred to Aspire Medical Provision throughout the school year. Placements are short-term and focus on supporting students to re-engage with learning in a small, inclusive and therapeutic environment.

2. Admissions criteria

Aspire Medical Provision will support Buckinghamshire resident young people of statutory school age who have a mental illness that is impacting their ability to attend their mainstream setting.

Pupils can be referred for a short-term placement to Aspire Medical Provision by their mainstream schools, for the following reasons:

- They are receiving support from CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services).
- Their mental health is significantly impacting their ability to attend their mainstream school.
- The student is experiencing EBSNA (Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance).

All pupils must remain on the roll of their mainstream or special school.

3. Admissions process for Aspire Medical Provision

Schools need to complete an Aspire Referral Form and, on receipt, the Admissions Officer will liaise with the Head of School who will check that the referral meets the admissions criteria. The Head of School will assess the information and evidence provided and accept the referral, if appropriate. An initial admissions meeting will then be held on site. The Admissions Officer will be informed of the start date, and, as appropriate, transport will be applied for if required. Aspire Medical Provision will aim to put provision in place by the 10th day of referral but, if this is not possible due to delays with local authority transport, we will provide education if parents can arrange to transport their child to site for the period until local authority transport is in place, where applicable.

Once Aspire Medical Provision has accepted a referral request, the Admissions Officer, or the relevant provision lead, will contact the referring school to inform them of this, collate any safeguarding information that was not been included in the referral process, ensure charges for the provision are understood and agree a start date.

4. Placement at Aspire Medical Provision

Aspire Medical Provision is designed to be short-term, supporting an unwell young person until they are ready and able to reintegrate into their 'home' school. As per the contract, all Aspire Medical Provision referrals need to remain on the roll of their home school. Regular placement review meetings are held to update on progress and set targets for the student to return to full-time education.

Aspire Medical Provision is a chargeable provision and home school's will be billed on a half termly basis. Please see details of our charges on our website.