

Hampden House

Inspection report for Residential Special School

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About this inspection

The purpose of this inspection is to assure children and young people, parents, the public, local authorities and government of the quality and standard of the service provided. The inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000.

This report details the main strengths and any areas for improvement identified during the inspection. The judgements included in the report are made in relation to the outcomes for children set out in the Children Act 2004 and the relevant National Minimum Standards for the service.

The inspection judgements and what they mean

Outstanding:	this aspect of the provision is of exceptionally high quality
Good:	this aspect of the provision is strong
Satisfactory:	this aspect of the provision is sound
Inadequate:	this aspect of the provision is not good enough

Service information

Brief description of the service

Hampden House is a residential pupil referral unit maintained by the local authority and has its own management committee. The committee is made up of various organisations as well as a number of elected members of the county council. Hampden House was purpose built in the late 1960s and is set in its own grounds, which provide sporting and recreational facilities. The boarding accommodation is in the main building and teaching is undertaken in a number of newly-built classrooms. Hampden House aims to assist children with special needs and to reintegrate them successfully into the community and into mainstream schools. On admission, each child is educated in a Hampden House classroom and after a period of time is placed in a local mainstream school, with staff from the school offering support. Children can board from Monday to Friday during term time. At the time of this inspection there were no boarders in residence.

Summary

The overall quality rating is satisfactory.

This is an overview of what the inspector found during the inspection.

Hampden House is currently not providing services to children as the boarding house is currently being refurbished. The plan is for the service to reopen at the end of April 2011. The next inspection will focus on assessing the home against all of the key national minimum standards. The recommendations from the last inspection conducted on 8 December 2009 could not be fully tested on this occasion and as a result, seven have been carried forward to the next inspection.

The last inspection resulted in an overall judgement of satisfactory. Key standards have not been revisited during this inspection and that judgement, therefore, remains appropriate.

Improvements since the last inspection

A recommendation was made with regard to the vacant post of the head of care. A new head of care is now in post who is experienced and suitably qualified. A further seven recommendations were made. These were to make improvements to medication practice, identifying and meeting health care needs of boarders, recording of restraints and sanctions, improving placement plans and providing regular supervision to staff. The recommendations could not be tested on this occasion and as a result have been carried forward to the next inspection.

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is not judged.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is satisfactory.

Relevant policies and procedures are in place for the management of behaviour, the use of physical intervention and sanctions, anti-bullying, missing without authority and complaints. However, as there are no boarders at the time of the inspection, the impact of policies and procedures cannot be tested.

The service is undergoing a total refurbishment including new electrical work. No children have access to the boarding facility while these extensive works are being completed. Suitable procedures are in place for the recruitment and vetting of staff. Records of visitors are maintained and proof of identification is requested where appropriate. These practices reduce potential risks to the welfare of any boarders.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is not judged.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is not judged.

Achieving economic wellbeing

The provision is not judged.

Organisation

The organisation is not judged.

What must be done to secure future improvement?

Compliance with national minimum standards

The school meets all the national minimum standards, with the exception of any listed below. To ensure that the school meets the national minimum standards the school needs to...

- ensure that each child has a clear and detailed health plan or similar document covering all aspects of standard 14.6 (NMS 14.6)
- ensure that children with particular health needs the school implements treatments which is prescribed or included in the care plan (NMS 14.3)
- ensure that all medication is accurately recorded when administered and is kept in a labelled container (NMS 14)
- ensure the records of any use of physical intervention and sanctions is kept and includes all the headings outlined in Standard 10 (NMS 10)
- ensure placement plans detail how staff will care for each boarder in accordance with their assessed needs, monitors progress in relation to the plan, and updates that plan as necessary (NMS 17.1)
- ensure all staff and others working in the school receive at least one and a half hours one-to-one supervision from a senior member of staff each half term. (NMS 30.2)