

Children's homes - interim inspection

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Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home
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Previous inspection judgement	Outstanding
Enforcement action since last inspection	None
This inspection	
<p>The effectiveness of the home and the progress and experiences of children and young people since the most recent full inspection</p> <p>This home was judged Outstanding at the full inspection. At this interim inspection Ofsted judge that it has sustained effectiveness.</p> <p>Young people's progress, experiences and outcomes have remained positive since the last inspection. They look forward to their stays at the home and parents and partner agencies are very complimentary about the service. A parent commented: 'I do truly believe your team should be the benchmark for all care teams.' A young person commented: 'I would give it 10 out of 10.'</p> <p>They flourish in all aspects of their development and get involved in home life during their stay. They are socialising, making friends and participating in a wide range of activities and opportunities to build skills and confidence. For example, they are due to be involved in the interview panel for new members of staff. Furthermore, new activities are planned including, barge trips and garden parties.</p> <p>Young people are central to care planning and tailored placement plans ensure that they are cared for sensitively according to their individual needs. The staff have excellent relationships with young people, their families and partner agencies. This partnership working ensures that all information is shared so that each young person's likes, dislikes, and personal needs are understood and exceptionally well met during their stay.</p> <p>Young people and their parents have a strong sense of safety during their stays at the home. Behaviour continues to be very well managed; consequently, there are no physical interventions. This is built upon the respectful and sensitive relationships that staff and young people have built together over the years.</p> <p>Monitoring systems are very effective the majority of the time. Excellent feedback reports also confirm the high standards of care provided. Although, a serious event was not notified to Ofsted to ensure information sharing is complete. This has not negatively impacted upon the welfare of young people to-date. A development plan sets the direction for the home. For example, key working roles are being further developed to continually improve the service to young people.</p> <p>The stable staff team here are qualified and highly experienced in working with young people with disabilities. They receive regular training and supervision to</p>	

keep them up-to-date with emerging care practice. They enjoy working with young people and this provides for a happy and welcoming home environment for all.

Information about this children's home

This is a local authority short break children's home. It is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to five young people with physical disabilities and learning disabilities

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
28/09/2015	CH - Full	Outstanding
30/03/2015	CH - Interim	improved effectiveness
07/01/2015	CH - Full	Outstanding
18/03/2014	CH - Interim	Good Progress

What does the children's home need to do to improve?

Statutory Requirements

This section sets out the actions which must be taken so that the registered person/s meets 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 with the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
40: Notification of a serious event (4)(e) Ensure that all serious events are notified to the appropriate bodies.	04/04/2016

What the inspection judgements mean

At the interim inspection we make a judgement on whether the home has improved in effectiveness, sustained effectiveness, or declined in effectiveness since the previous full inspection. This is in line with the *Inspection of children's homes: framework for inspection*.

Information about this inspection

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people living in the children's home. Inspectors considered the quality of work and the difference adults make to the lives of children and young people. They read case files, watched how professional staff work with children, young people and each other and discussed the effectiveness of help and care given to children and young people. Wherever possible, they talked to children, young people and their families. In addition the inspectors have tried to understand what the children's home knows about how well it is performing, how well it is doing and what difference it is making for the children and young people who it is trying to help, protect and look after.

This inspection focused on the effectiveness of the home and the progress and experiences of children and young people since the most recent full inspection.

This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000 to assess the effectiveness of the service and to consider how well it complies with the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the *Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards*.

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