

Children's homes – Interim inspection

Inspection date	26/10/2016
Unique reference number	1223201
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home
Registered person	Leeds City Council
Registered person address	Leeds City Council 3rd Floor St George House Great George Street Leeds LS1 3DL
Registered manager	Martin Scarth
Inspector	Stella Henderson

Inspection date	26/10/2016
Previous inspection judgement	Outstanding
Enforcement action since last inspection	None
This inspection	
The effectiveness of the home and the progress and experiences of children and young people since the most recent full inspection	
<p>This home was judged outstanding at the full inspection. At this interim inspection Ofsted judge that it has improved effectiveness.</p>	
<p>Children and young people continue to enjoy exceptional standards of care. Their outcomes, in terms of safeguarding, education, health and emotional well-being, continue to improve significantly during their time at the home.</p> <p>The intensive behavioural programme, in which they and their families participate, is proving to be highly effective. Children and young people are successfully rehabilitated with their families, or move on to independent living. The objective of keeping children and young people out of long-term care, and giving them and their parents and carers the skills to manage difficult behaviours and emotions, is therefore achieved.</p> <p>Since the last inspection, a number of improvements have been made to how the service is delivered, all of which benefit children and young people and their families. For example, engagement with one family has taken place at an earlier stage than is the home's usual practice. The impact of this is seen in quicker and more effective positive adjustments in family relationships. Individualised planners have also been devised for children and young people, with prompts for managing their behaviour and emotions when they are at school. This keeps the prospect of disruption at school to a minimum, allowing them to focus on their education.</p> <p>Improvements have also taken place to transition work with children and young people who are leaving the service, particularly when they are moving to independence. This gives young people a much better chance of sustaining themselves in the community.</p> <p>The manager continually seeks ways to provide a better service for children and young people and their families. This includes securing specialist training on managing self-harm, improved recording procedures and producing a brochure for parents.</p> <p>The manager's six-monthly evaluation of the service is still work in progress. It is therefore not possible to assess whether a recommendation to include and evaluate children's views is met. This recommendation is carried over for</p>	

assessment at the next inspection.

Information about this children's home

This is a local authority children's home. It is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to four children with emotional and behavioural difficulties.

Recent inspection history

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08/06/2016	Full	Outstanding

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

Recommendations

To improve the quality and standards of care further, the service should take account of the following recommendation:

- Children must be consulted regularly on their views about the home's care, to inform and support continued improvement in the quality of care provided. Children should be able to see the results of their views being listened to and acted upon ('Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards', page 22, paragraph 4.11). Specifically, to evaluate the views of children and young people and others in the manager's six-monthly report.

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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