

1241261

Registered provider: The Place Young People's Company
Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is privately owned and is registered to provide care and accommodation for two children who have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

Inspection date: 6 February 2018

Judgement at last inspection: Good

Date of last inspection: 9 May 2017

This inspection

The effectiveness of the home and the progress and experiences of children and young people since the most recent full inspection

This home was judged good at the last full inspection.

At the interim inspection, Ofsted judges that it has sustained effectiveness.

Although this home continues to provide a good level of care, one recommendation from the last inspection has not been acted on. The home has not taken action to ensure that medication is always available when a child is away from the home. This raises the potential for health needs to go unmet. A requirement has now been set to ensure that this shortfall is addressed promptly.

An additional area of weakness is also identified. The shared living areas are not maintained to a high standard of cleanliness. The cleaning routines set by the registered manager are not effectively implemented or monitored.

Children are making progress, regardless of their complex histories. They are each settled and happy. Both children attend mainstream schools and enthusiastically engage in a range of extra-curricular activities. Staff are proud of children's achievements and celebrate their abilities. For example, one child is seen as an excellent footballer and another as a very talented gymnast. An educational professional said that joint working

is good, confirming that this supports school attendance and achievement.

There has been a reduction in the number of behavioural incidents for one child. For example, there were no incidents for a three-month period. Children have become more self-aware and are much more accepting of boundaries in the home.

Children are kept safe and their well-being is prioritised. There have been no safeguarding concerns, no missing from care incidents, and no complaints about the service since the last inspection. Comments from children confirm that they feel safe and are confident to speak to staff about any concerns that they may have.

When children move on, they receive good support to make the transition to a new placement. A social worker spoke positively about the level of support provided to a particular young person who was leaving. This support helped the young person adapt to the change.

Since the full inspection, a new manager has joined the team and has been registered with Ofsted. The manager is focused on service development and has plans to improve the home. For example, the development of an area known as 'the outhouse' will provide more communal space for children. An independent visitor, who comes to the home each month, enhances management monitoring. The manager responds well to any suggestions made by the independent visitor.

Records kept in relation to the use of measures of control, restraint and discipline have been improved to now include evidence that children's views are obtained. Children have now been given an appropriate supply of personal care products and are encouraged to use these every day.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
09/05/2017	Full	Good

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 registered person must make arrangements for the handling, recording, safekeeping, safe administration and disposal of medicines received into the children's home. (Regulation 23(1))	06/02/2018

Recommendations

- For children's homes to be nurturing and supportive environments that meet the needs of their children, they will, in most cases, be homely, domestic environments. Children's homes must comply with relevant health and safety legislations (alarms, food hygiene etc.); however in doing so, homes should seek as far as possible to maintain a domestic rather than 'institutional' impression. ('Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards', page 15, paragraph 3.9)

Information about this inspection

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people. Inspectors considered the quality of work and the differences made to the lives of children and young people. They watched how professional staff work with children and young people and each other and discussed the effectiveness of help and care provided. Wherever possible, they talked to children and 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 whom 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.

Using the 'Social care common inspection framework', this inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000 to assess the effectiveness of the service, how it meets the core functions of the service as set out in legislation, 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'.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 1241261

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered provider address: 18b, Market Place, Nottingham NG13 8AP

Responsible individual: Paul Emmerson

Registered manager: Jonathan Insley

Inspector

Mary Timms, social care inspector

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