

Residential holiday scheme for disabled children inspection

Name	Lambourne End Centre
Inspection date	09/01/2017
Unique reference number	1231957
Registered provider	Lambourne End Centre
Registered provider address	Lambourne End Centre Manor Road, Lambourne End, Essex RM4 1NB

Responsible individual	Timothy Richardson
Registered manager	Robert Gayler
Inspector	Fiona Littlefield

This inspection

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

At this inspection the service was not judged.

Lambourne End Centre was registered as a holiday scheme for disabled children in August 2016. The registered manager and responsible individual were also assessed as suitable.

The plan had been for the scheme to start a programme of 6 overnight stays for up to 12 children later in the year. Referrals were expected from the local authority who had commissioned the service. However, shortly after registration the management team for the centre was informed that funding was no longer available. The local authority is currently considering its commissioning priorities in children's services. Plans for any future holiday schemes at this centre will depend on the management team making a successful bid for funding.

As the Lambourne End Scheme had been registered in August 2016, it was due for inspection before the end of March 2017. However, in the circumstances, it was agreed that an inspection could be undertaken but with no judgement made. It was therefore agreed that this would be completed by means of a telephone interview with the registered manager.

The registered manager confirmed that no children had been accepted for the holiday scheme since the registration in August 2016 and that they will not be operational until March 2017. The registered manager is aware of the requirement to inform Ofsted of any impending schemes for the following year and will report back on any progress in March 2017.

In the event of being successful in tendering for a contract, the registered manager is aware of his responsibilities in ensuring that the scheme is appropriately organised. Before any referrals are accepted suitable policies and procedures will be updated and agreed between the partner agencies who would be working together on this scheme.

Information about this residential holiday scheme for disabled children.

The proposed holiday scheme will take place at Lambourne End Centre. This is an established centre where the focus is on outdoor activities and learning being made available to all children. Residential accommodation is available on site and any holiday scheme would have exclusive use of this during a holiday scheme. The plan is to provide 6 overnight stays for up to 12 disabled children throughout the year.

What the inspection judgements mean

The experiences of children are at the centre of the inspection. Inspectors will use their professional judgement to determine the weight and significance of their findings in this respect. The judgements included in the report are made against 'Inspection of residential holiday schemes for disabled children: framework for inspection'.

The inspection judgements:

Outstanding

Good

Requires improvement

Inadequate

Information about this inspection

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences of children attending the residential holiday scheme. Inspectors considered whether the work of residential holiday scheme is founded on safe care and individualised support. They read case files, watched how professional staff work with children and each other, and discussed the effectiveness of care given to children. Wherever possible, they talked to children and parents. In addition the inspectors have tried to understand what the residential holiday scheme knows about how well it is performing, how well it is doing and what difference it is making for the children.

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 Residential Holiday Schemes for Disabled Children (England) Regulations 2013 and the National Minimum Standards.

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