

1223201

Registered provider: Leeds City Council

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

A local authority operates and runs this home. The home provides care for four children or young people. The home provides multisystemic therapy using the Family Integrated Transitions Model. Placements are for up to 12 weeks. In this time, the staff, who the children and young people refer to as coaches, deliver an intensive Dialectical Behaviour Therapy Programme. A new manager started in post in May 2018. The manager is not yet registered with Ofsted.

Inspection date: 14 August 2018

Judgement at last inspection: outstanding

Date of last inspection: 6 June 2018

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

This home was judged outstanding at the last full inspection.

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

There have been two occasions within six weeks when home furnishings, such as a door mat and curtains, have been set on fire. After the first fire incident, the risk assessments and fire management plans did not provide staff with clear actions to take to reduce the risk of fire. When the second incident took place, curtains were set on fire which placed all the young people and staff in immediate danger. After this second incident, improvements were made to the risk management plans and fire safety procedures.

New young people moving into this home continue to be well supported by the thorough planning process. The new young people understand from the start what is expected of them. As a result, new young people settle quickly and invest in the programme.

The young people move on from this home successfully because transitions are well planned and supported by the coaches.

The young people continue to make good progress following the specialist programme that is carried out in this home. The manager continues to ensure that the coaches work closely with specialist therapeutic professionals, social workers, teachers and the young people's families to make sure that they receive the individualised support that they need.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
06/06/2018	Full	Outstanding
01/11/2017	Full	Good
26/10/2016	Interim	Improved effectiveness
08/06/2016	Full	Outstanding

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

Recommendations

- Staff should continually and actively assess the risk to each child and the arrangements in place to protect them. Where there are safeguarding concerns for a child, their placement plan, agreed between the home and their placing authority, must include details of the steps the home will take to manage assessed risk on a day to day basis. ('Guide to the children's home regulations including the quality standards', page 42, paragraph 9.2) In particular, ensure that risk assessments provide staff with clear instructions to reduce the risk. Ensure that risks are continually monitored.

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: 1223201

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider address: Merion House, 7th Floor West, Merrion Centre, Leeds LS2 8TU

Responsible individual: Steve Walker

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Jamie Richardson: social care inspector

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