

1263768

Registered provider: Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This local authority children's home provides care and accommodation for up to three young people who may have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

The home is managed by an experienced registered manager.

Inspection date: 14 February 2019

Judgement at last inspection: outstanding

Date of last inspection: 19 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 sustained effectiveness.

Since the last inspection in June 2018, no young people have been discharged from the service. At the time of the inspection, three young people remain in placement and continue to make consistent progress.

Young people thrive in this warm and nurturing environment. They receive a consistently high standard of care and benefit from a range of services which promote their progress. For example, the regular group, 'Relaxed kids', enables young people to develop meditation skills. Consequently, young people are calmer and begin to learn how to regulate their emotions in a more productive and positive way.

Assistance dogs take part in the relaxation and meditation sessions at the home and are

a valued part of the sessions. The dogs also join young people on short breaks away from the home and regular country walks.

On the whole, school or alternative education sessions are well attended. Where difficulties arise, staff work quickly to address concerns and utilise a range of community educational support networks. This has proved successful. As a result, all young people enjoy educational success and are reaching their individually assessed targets.

The home continues to offer a consistent and robust approach to safeguarding the young people in their care. Since the last inspection in June 2018, there have been no incidents of young people being absent or missing from the home. Likewise, there have been no complaints, no incidents of bullying and no evidence of increased risk-taking behaviours. There are occasions when the use of minimal physical intervention is required. Records clearly evidence the antecedents to any such intervention, how it was managed and the work undertaken with the young person afterwards.

The recommendations made at the last inspection have been suitably addressed. Bedrooms are now fitted with blinds to protect the privacy of all young people. Case records are now regularly reviewed and contain the signature of the author and the date of each entry.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
19/06/2018	Full	Outstanding

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

There are no requirements and recommendations.

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 difference 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: 1263768

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council

Registered provider address: Town Hall, Market Street, Hyde, Tameside SK14 1AL

Responsible individual: Tracy Morris

Registered manager: Sally Hallwood

Inspector

Maria McGranaghan, social care inspector

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