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Registered provider: Oasis Adolescent Services Limited

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

A limited company owns the home. It is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to three children and young people who have experienced adverse childhood experiences, which have led to associated trauma and complex behaviours. The home offers placements on both a planned and emergency basis.

This home was registered on 16 October 2017. The manager's registration was also completed at this time.

During the inspection, the inspector spoke with two young people to gain their views about moving in and living at the home. Other professionals, including social workers, were also contacted to find out their views and opinions about the home and the support provided.

Inspection date: 14 February 2019

Judgement at last inspection: outstanding

Date of last inspection: 18 July 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 of the home, there have been four young people admitted to the home and three discharged. One young person was placed in an emergency. The placement was unsustainable due to the high needs of the young person and the plan was to move on to a specialist smaller home. However, the manager and staff sustained placement while a more appropriate placement was sourced and demonstrated some positive outcomes for this young person. Another young person has been supported to

return to his family in accordance with his and his family's wishes. The staff worked in close partnership with the young person, his parents and the placing authority to enable this to happen in a planned and positive way.

Two of the three young people currently living at the home have moved in over the past two months. However, despite this relatively short time, they have settled in well and are making good progress. For example, engagement with education has increased and, although half-term, young people were engaging in education via online work and had a planned educational sporting activity in the afternoon. Staff actively encourage education attendance and while waiting for a school placement, the manager organises tutors and challenges appropriately when there is a delay in educational placements being identified. Through the structured education and activities, young people are prepared for full-time attendance at education and this minimises the risk of non-engagement with formal education.

Young people's health needs are clearly identified and supported. Some young people have a history of substance misuse. Staff work in partnership with other agencies to provide appropriate education and guidance to the young people. Because of the work being undertaken, substance misuse has decreased. Young people receive help and support with their emotional health and well-being. The home engages a clinical psychologist to provide direct work with young people. When a young person does not engage directly with this support, the psychologist attends staff meetings and supports staff with understanding and implementing strategies to understand and support the young person. A recent example of this is providing information on the autistic spectrum and supporting a young person with autism. This meant that staff were able to understand and implement strategies to help the young person manage some of his anxieties and behaviours in planned and more effective manner.

Young people spoken with say that they feel very happy and relaxed at the home. One young person said, 'I have experienced many care homes and I can honestly say this is the best one. From the moment I arrived, staff came out to greet me and make me feel welcome. They support us to all get along together and there is always something to do.' Another young person said, 'I really didn't know what to expect and didn't want to move here but I understand the reasons for my move. I have settled in well, like the staff and other young people and feel safe.'

Placing social workers spoken with say that the home has had a positive impact for the young people they have placed. One social worker said, 'While I acknowledge it is early on in placement, it is the first time [name] has settled in so well. Staff are excellent at keeping me updated and it is so good to see him in a placement that is as nurturing as this.'

Staff receive regular training and supervision to help them fulfil their roles effectively. In addition, staff meetings are used to help the staff, as a team, to reflect on their practice and discuss any training they require to support their ongoing professional development.

The home is maintained to a good standard and provides young people with comfortable

facilities to meet their needs.

The manager has acted to address the recommendation made at the last inspection in relation to ensuring that computer and console games are age-appropriate for young people.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
18/07/2018	Full	Outstanding

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: 1258975

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Inspector

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