

1276719

Registered provider: Devon & Cornwall Autistic Community Trust (t/a Spectrum)

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This children's home was registered in May 2018 for three children. It is owned by a private organisation.

There has been a registered manager in post since August 2019.

Inspection date: 14 November 2019

Judgement at last inspection: requires improvement to be good

Date of last inspection: 20 May 2019

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 requires improvement to be good at the last full inspection. At the interim inspection, Ofsted judges that it has sustained effectiveness.

The child who lives at this home is supported to take part in a variety of activities of his choice. Examples include public speaking, photography and fun activities such as escape rooms.

He is now eating a more varied diet and is positively encouraged to make healthy choices. He is also being supported to reduce his medication with a view to being medication free, which is a goal of his.

There have been several incidents of challenging behaviour since the previous inspection. Learning has been taken from these to promote a consistent and nurturing approach. However, care planning is not always up to date, which does not ensure that

staff have the most current guidance.

Due to staff sickness, there have been changes in the child's daily care. This has been unsettling for him. Steps to minimise any negative impact of these changes are not always taken.

The child has been exposed to inappropriate adult conversations held by staff. This is of significant concern..

The child's bedroom furniture is not maintained to a good standard. This was a concern at a previous inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
20/05/2019	Full	Requires improvement to be good
04/03/2019	Full	Inadequate

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
<p>The quality and purpose of care standard is that children receive care from staff who—</p> <p>understand the children's home's overall aims and the outcomes it seeks to achieve for children; use this understanding to deliver care that meets children's needs and supports them to fulfil their potential.</p> <p>In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to— ensure that the premises used for the purposes of the home are designed and furnished so as to— meet the needs of each child.</p>	12/12/2019

(Regulation 6 (1)(a)(b)(2)(c)(i))	
<p>The leadership and management standard is that the registered person enables, inspires and leads a culture in relation to the children's home that—</p> <p>helps children aspire to fulfil their potential; and promotes their welfare.</p> <p>In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to—</p> <p>lead and manage the home in a way that is consistent with the approach and ethos, and delivers the outcomes, set out in the home's statement of purpose;</p> <p>ensure that staff work as a team where appropriate;</p> <p>ensure that staff have the experience, qualifications and skills to meet the needs of each child;</p> <p>ensure that the home has sufficient staff to provide care for each child;</p> <p>ensure that the home's workforce provides continuity of care to each child.</p>	12/12/2019
(Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b)(2)(a)(b)(c)(d)(e))	

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: 1276719

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Devon & Cornwall Autistic Community Trust (t/a Spectrum)

Registered provider address: Lakeside Offices, The Old Cattle Market, Porthleven Road, HELSTON, Cornwall TR13 0SR

Responsible individual: Mark Beniston

Registered manager: Hannah-Marie Bennetts

Inspector(s)

Polly Soper, social care inspector

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