

# 1254308

Registered provider: Homes 2 Inspire Ltd

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

## **Information about this children's home**

The provider states in its statement of purpose that this home provides care for up to five young people with social, emotional or behavioural difficulties.

The manager has been registered since April 2019.

**Inspection date: 7 January 2020**

**Date of last inspection:** 10 September 2019

**Judgement at last inspection:** good

**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 good at the last full inspection.  
At the interim inspection, Ofsted judges that it has sustained effectiveness.

Children continue to make progress. Staff have been able to sustain the level of good childcare practice that was evident at the full inspection.

Since the last inspection, one new child has moved into the home. Despite the best efforts of staff and the involvement of a variety of agencies, this child is at some risk. A clear multi-agency plan is in place to decrease this risk and help the child settle in placement.

Children's behaviour has, at times, become unsettled. However, staff have managed incidents well. Their practice is underpinned by clear risk assessments and behaviour management plans. One child goes missing from the home regularly. Staff understand the risk that the child may be at in the local community and follow a clear missing from home procedure, which includes contacting the police. There are high levels of multi-agency working to try to keep the child safe. The quality of multi-agency working is a strength of the management team.

Most children continue to achieve well in education. One young person is thriving at a new college. For others, attendance at school has been difficult. Staff are nurturing in their approach, understanding that feelings of anxiety can have a big impact on school attendance. They are also persistent in encouraging children to maintain their education placements. They work well with partner agencies to maximise children's participation and achievement.

The manager and deputy manager have effective systems in place to ensure that they have good oversight of the home. The manager has a clear understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of the home.

Both recommendations made at the full inspection are met. There is clearer information for children, placing authorities and staff about how pre-paid money cards will be monitored. Bedroom door alarms are subject to more regular risk assessment to ensure that monitoring of children at night is necessary.

The home is in need of some redecoration. The manager has already identified this and is also taking steps to ensure that fixtures, fittings and furniture are updated during the forthcoming year. The outside area is unkempt in places. It is untidy and there is litter. This does not encourage young people to respect and care for the home and is an area for development.

## Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
10/09/2019	Full	Good
19/02/2019	Full	Requires improvement to be good

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

### **Recommendations**

- Residential child care should provide a safe and stimulating environment in high-quality buildings. ('Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards', page 6) This specifically relates to ensuring that the outside area is kept clean, tidy and welcoming.

### **Information about this inspection**

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.

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people, 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:** 1254308

**Provision sub-type:** Children's home

**Registered provider:** Homes 2 Inspire Ltd

**Registered provider address:** Shaw Trust House, 19 Elmfield Road, Bromley, Kent  
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**Responsible individual:** Suntheep Dulay-Kainth

**Registered manager:** Rebecca Blacker

## Inspector

Catherine Honey, Social Care Inspector

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