

2491059

Registered provider: 1848 Ltd

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This children's home is currently registered to provide care and accommodation for up to three children and young people.

A new manager has been appointed since the previous inspection.

Inspection date: 18 February 2020

Date of last inspection: 25 June 2019

Judgement at last inspection: requires improvement

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

Since the previous inspection in August 2019, a new manager has been appointed and the staff team has stabilised. The manager and staff team have worked hard to provide the young people with a safe environment in which to thrive.

Actions to address requirements made at the previous inspection have been met. As a result, the manager makes good use of assessment tools to ensure that young people safely live together. The response by the manager to allegations and incidents of concern is timely, appropriate and ensures that all professionals are kept informed. Incidents of self-harm and hospital admissions have reduced, and the young people do not go missing.

An integrated therapy team works collaboratively with the manager and staff team and is accessed regularly by the young people. A recently introduced evening and weekend helpline provides the young people with additional support from the therapists in the event of the young people wanting someone other than the staff to speak with.

Since the previous inspection, two young people have moved into the home. Both young people moved into the home in a planned way because the manager worked well with the young people and their placing authorities. Social workers spoke positively of how the manager helped the young people to familiarise themselves with the home and the staff team and how this helped them to settle.

Young people are provided with a good standard of care at this home. All young people who live at the home are making progress towards their own personal goals. There is enough evidence of challenge and advocacy by the manager in respect of securing education for all the young people. However, further work is required to ensure that all the young people receive educational learning opportunities that are in line with their plans.

The manager ensures that new members of staff are recruited safely and access a good range of training. Staff feel supported and are kept up to date with learning. The manager uses supervision effectively to address poor practice and, when necessary, identifies additional learning.

Monitoring of the home is, in the main, good and directly informs the development plan. The admissions and discharge register was not available to the inspector, but the manager addressed this during the inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
07/08/2019 25/06/2019	Monitoring visit Full	Inadequate

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: 2491059

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: 1848 Ltd

Registered provider address: H & H Accountants Ltd, Old Bank Buildings, East Street, Ilminster, Somerset TA19 0AJ

Responsible individual: Simon Morton

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector:

Linda Bond, social care inspector

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