

# 1244946

Registered provider: Wigan Council

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

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

This is a local authority, two-bedded home. The aim of the home is to provide care and accommodation while young people are assessed, and future permanency is explored.

**Inspection date:** 16 March 2020

**Date of last inspection:** 28 January 2020

**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.

Daily records evidence that children are benefiting from good routines and education attendance has improved.

There have been very few safeguarding incidents since the previous inspection. Children's needs are well understood and appropriately responded to by staff.

All of the requirements made at the previous inspection are met.

Risk assessments and positive behaviour support plans are comprehensive. They include helpful advice for staff to support effective communication and interventions to de-escalate concerning behaviours. Plans are reviewed and updated following any new information or incident.

Records generally capture information that is purposeful and child-centred. Placement plans include useful information about children's education arrangements and daily timetables so that staff can support attendance and progress. There is management oversight of records and plans.

One child has had his education, health and care plan reviewed but some of the information within the plan is out of date and does not support the home to promote development and education progress. During the inspection, the manager contacted the relevant professionals to address this.

Staff are receiving regular individual supervision in line with the home's policies. They also receive group supervision. Both forms of supervision demonstrate the use of reflective practice to support staff development.

The independent visitor's reports have been received by Ofsted in a timely way. Managers respond to recommendations made by the visitor.

There is evidence of effective multidisciplinary working and positive feedback from professionals. One reported, 'The team is very receptive to learning and development and the managers are eager to collaborate to inform practice.'

Managers are aware of the areas that require further development. There has been some delay in progressing children's care plans. The manager has ensured that the relevant planning meetings are now in place to progress care plans.

## Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
28/01/2020	Full	Good
12/02/2019	Interim	Improved effectiveness
29/05/2018	Full	Requires improvement to be good
05/02/2018	Full	Requires improvement to be good

## 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 care planning standard is that children— receive effectively planned care in or through the children's home; and</p> <p>have a positive experience of arriving at or moving on from the home.</p> <p>In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure—</p> <p>that each child's relevant plans are followed. (Regulation 14 (1)(a)(b)(2)(c))</p>	29/05/2020

### Information about this inspection

Ofsted is aware of the challenges that Covid-19 is currently posing to those we inspect. During this visit, the inspector took into consideration the impact of any measures being taken to slow the spread of Coronavirus by the home. This has included the effect these have had on staffing arrangements.

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:** 1244946

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

**Registered provider:** Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council

**Registered provider address:** Town Hall, Library Street, Wigan WN1 1YN

**Responsible individual:** Alexandra Jones

**Registered manager:** Victoria Hanlon

## Inspector

Cathey Moriarty, Social Care Inspector

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