

SC046276

Devon County Council

Monitoring visit

Information about this children's home

This secure children's home is managed by a local authority and is approved by the Secretary of State to restrict children's liberty. The children's home can accommodate up to 12 children who are aged between 10 and 17 years. There were four children living in the home at the time of the inspection.

The home provides care for children accommodated under section 25 of the Children Act 1989 who are placed by local authorities. Admission of any child under section 25 of the Children Act 1989 who is under 13 years of age requires the approval of the Secretary of State.

The commissioning of health services in this home is the statutory responsibility of NHS England under the Health and Social Care Act 2012. Education is provided on site in dedicated facilities.

The manager has been registered with Ofsted since June 2022.

Inspection date: 9 November 2022

This monitoring visit

This monitoring visit was carried out in line with the memorandum of understanding between Ofsted and the Department for Education (DfE).

Inspectors visited the home with specialist architects commissioned by the DfE. This visit forms part of the information that Ofsted provide to the DfE so that the Secretary of State can make a decision about the continuing suitability of the home to restrict children's liberty.

The environment is suitable to meet the needs of children who require secure care. Maintenance work to refurbish some children's bedrooms and bathrooms has begun.

The requirement and recommendations made at the last inspection will be reviewed at the next inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
07/06/2022	Full	Good
09/02/2022	Full	Good
29/06/2021	Interim	Sustained effectiveness
03/03/2020	Interim	Sustained effectiveness

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>Fitness of registered provider.</p> <p>An organisation may only carry on a home if—</p> <p>the organisation has notified HMCI of the name, address and position in the organisation of the responsible individual.</p> <p>The requirements are that—</p> <p>the individual is of integrity and good character;</p> <p>full and satisfactory information is available in relation to the individual in respect of each of the matters in Schedule 2;</p> <p>the individual is mentally and physically fit to carry on the home; and</p> <p>the individual is financially fit to carry on the home.</p> <p>A responsible individual must—</p> <p>satisfy the requirements in paragraph (5)(a) to (c); and</p> <p>have the capacity, experience and skills to supervise the management of the home, or the homes, in respect of which the responsible individual is nominated. (Regulation 26 (4)(ii) (5)(a)(b)(c)(d) (7)(a)(b))</p>	31 December 2022

Recommendations

- The registered person should ensure that the ethos of the home supports each child to learn. In particular, leaders should produce a strategy for the development of English and mathematics across all parts of the curriculum. They should deliver a staff development programme that supports its implementation so that children improve their English and mathematics skills faster and in a

consistent way. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 29, paragraph 5.18)

- The registered person should ensure that children are consulted regularly on their views about the home's care, to inform and support continued improvement in the quality of care provided. Children should be able to see the results of their views being listened to and acted on. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 22, paragraph 4.11)

Information about this inspection

The purpose of this visit was to monitor the action taken and the progress made by the children's home since its last Ofsted inspection.

This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: SC046276

Provision sub-type: Secure Unit

Registered provider: Devon County Council

Registered provider address: County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter, Devon EX2 4QD

Responsible individual: Post vacant

Registered manager: Helen Bowkett

Inspector

Helen Simmons, Social Care Inspector

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