

# SC035409

Northumberland County Council

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

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

This secure children's home is operated by a local authority and is approved by the Department for Education (DfE) to restrict children's liberty.

The home can provide care for up to 15 children aged between 10 and 17 years. It has three designated living areas. It provides care for children 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 registered with Ofsted on 30 January 2012.

**Inspection date: 26 June 2023**

## **This monitoring visit**

This monitoring visit was carried out in line with the memorandum of understanding between Ofsted and the DfE.

The inspector visited the home with a specialist architect commissioned by the DfE. The purpose of this visit was to review the completion of a capital build project to determine whether it meets the needs of children. The project is complete and provides a refurbished outdoor area that offers a safe space where children can enjoy fresh air and activities.

The recommendation made at the last inspection in November 2022 has not been reviewed as part of this monitoring visit.

## Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
01/11/2022	Full	Outstanding
01/03/2022	Full	Good
21/09/2021	Interim	Sustained effectiveness
26/11/2019	Full	Good

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The purpose of this visit was to review the completion of a capital build project in line with the memorandum of understanding between Ofsted and the DfE.

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

## **Children's home details**

**Unique reference number:** SC035409

**Provision sub-type:** Secure Unit

**Registered provider:** Northumberland County Council

**Registered provider address:** County Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland NE61 2EF

**Responsible individual:** Adam Hall

**Registered manager:** Julie Tinkler

## **Inspector**

Shaun Common, His Majesty's Inspector, Social Care Lead Secure Estate

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