

SC035500

Registered provider: South Gloucestershire Council

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this secure children's home

This secure children's home is managed by a local authority. It is approved by the Secretary of State to restrict children's liberty. The home can accommodate up to 24 children aged between 10 and 18 years. There were 20 children living at the home at the time of this inspection.

All places available at the home are commissioned on a contractual basis by the Youth Custody Service (YCS). The YCS may, under certain circumstances, permit local authority children's services to spot-purchase a vacant bed at the home, to enable a local authority to place a child on welfare grounds under section 25 of the Children Act 1989. 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 at 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 January 2023.

Inspection date: 10 August 2023

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.

Improvements have been made to ensure that the home is safe and secure. Work is ongoing in some areas to improve provision further. The home provides a suitable environment to meet the needs of children.

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

Recent inspection history

| Inspection date | Inspection type | Inspection judgement |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 18/04/2023 | Full | Good |
| 02/08/2022 | Full | Requires improvement to be good |
| 20/04/2022 | Full | Inadequate |
| 08/06/2021 | Full | Good |

Information about this inspection

The purpose of this visit was so that Ofsted can provide information 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.

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

Children's home details

Unique reference number: SC035500

Provision sub-type: Secure Unit

Registered provider: South Gloucestershire Council

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Registered manager: David Ballard

Inspectors

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