

1249115

Registered provider: Care 4 Children Residential Services Limited

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is privately owned and run. The home is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to four children or young people who have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

Inspection date: 19 December 2017

Judgement at last inspection: outstanding

Date of last inspection: 27 June 2017

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

The young people living at the home continue to make progress from their starting points. Their life chances are significantly improved through daily educational attendance, regular ongoing therapeutic support and by remaining safe both in and outside the home. The staff provide a stable and caring environment in which the young people thrive in all aspects of their lives. Since the last inspection, no young people have left or joined the home.

Professionals spoke about being 'proud' of the changes that the young people have achieved since living at the home. The young people also spoke about being 'put on the right path' and one said: 'Some staff are amazing and exceed at their job.'

Since the last inspection, there have been no physical interventions, incidents of going missing from home, incidents of child sexual exploitation, drug or alcohol use or any

significant incidents. The young people grow in their sense of self-worth and in their understanding of risk and those who may pose a risk to their emotional and physical welfare.

The young people are consulted regularly about their care. As a result of staff actively listening to their wishes and views, many of the young people have enjoyed increased family contact and improvements in the quality of those relationships.

Managerial processes in monitoring young people's progress are thorough and regular. The holistic nature of the young people's reviews ensures that all aspects of the young people's lives are considered and that plans are continuously updated. The manager and staff work well with other agencies to ensure that the young people benefit from joined-up services.

When complaints have been made, the manager has dealt with these effectively and sought to make improvements to practice where necessary. The quality of recording by staff, on the whole, is clear and detailed. However, the actions of staff in searching rooms can be confusing and the subsequent recording of room searches is insufficiently detailed, which leaves the young people unsure as to the staff's rationale in removing some belongings.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
27/06/2017	Full	Outstanding

What does the children's home need to do to improve?

Recommendations

- A child's bedroom should not generally be entered without their permission, though it may be necessary to establish routines to allow for rooms to be cleaned regularly. Usually, rooms should only be searched if the child has been informed or asked for their permission. Immediate searching may be necessary where there are reasonable grounds for believing that there is a risk to the child's or another person's safety or well-being. ('Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards', page 16, paragraph 3.20)

In addition, completion of such documentation should clearly reflect this process.

Information about this inspection

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people. Inspectors considered the quality of work and the differences made to the lives of children and young people. They watched how professional staff work with children and young people and each other and discussed the effectiveness of help and care provided. Wherever possible, they talked to children and young people and their families. In addition, the inspectors have tried to understand what the children's home knows about how well it is performing, how well it is doing and what difference it is making for the children and young people whom it is trying to help, protect and look after.

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.

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: 1249115

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered manager: Carla Savery

Inspector

Pauline Yates, social care inspector

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