

1257074

Registered provider: Branas Isaf (Holdings) Limited

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is owned by a private organisation. It specialises in providing therapeutic services for boys up to the age of 18, who present with sexually harmful behaviours. The registered manager has managed the home since March 2018.

Inspection date: 14 March 2019

Judgement at last inspection: good

Date of last inspection: 8 May 2018

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.

The one requirement made at the full inspection has been met. This has resulted in improvements being made to the way in which staff make a record of a physical intervention. This has included ensuring that each physical restraint record is reviewed by someone who was not involved in the incident. This has strengthened the level of scrutiny applied to staff practice.

The registered manager continues to lead a staff team that is child-focused. As a result, young people continue to make good progress because of the quality of care that they receive. For example, young people have improved their school attendance and increased their academic abilities because of the support they receive from staff. Staff

are not afraid to challenge schools if they feel that they are not acting in the best interests of the young person.

When young people move in or leave the home, managers ensure that these moves are well planned around the needs of the young person.

Young people are supported to enjoy a wide range of activities to help them feel part of the local community. This includes being members of the local football team and taking part in voluntary work.

Staff refer safeguarding matters to the relevant professionals. However, records lack detail of how safeguarding concerns are shared with the designated officer. On one occasion, there was also a delay in notifying Ofsted of a safeguarding incident.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
08/05/2018	Full	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.

Recommendations

- Regulation 40(4) requires the registered person to notify Ofsted and other relevant persons if one of the situations specified in regulation 40(4)(a)–(d) occurs, or if there is an incident relating to the protection, safeguarding or welfare of a child living in the home which the registered person considers to be serious (40(4)(e)). ('Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards', page 63, paragraph 14.10)
- Staff should be familiar with the home's policies on record keeping and understand the importance of careful, objective, and clear recording. Staff should record information on individual children in a non-stigmatising way that distinguishes between fact, opinion and third-party information. Information about the child must always be recorded in a way that will be helpful to the child. ('Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards', page

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

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Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered manager: Rebecca Potter

Inspector

Louise Battersby, social care inspector

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