

1259551

Registered provider: Semi-Independent House Limited

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

A private organisation runs this home. It provides care for up to five children who have experienced trauma and have complex needs.

The manager has been registered with Ofsted since June 2017.

Inspection date: 6 March 2020

Date of last inspection: 10 July 2019

Judgement at last inspection: good

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 improved effectiveness.

The manager has met the two requirements and one recommendation from the last inspection. There has been a drive to improve and better evidence children's progress and experiences. The staff record the children's achievements and progress using photographs, which are put in an album that the children can take when they leave. This means that children have positive memories of their time at the home.

The continuity of staff has supported the children to progress well. The staff have a good understanding of the children's very individual and complex needs.

The staff provide the children with structure and routine and support their education routines. For one child, who is not receiving any formal education, the manager is working closely with the social worker, independent reviewing officer and the virtual school to ensure that a suitable education provision will be provided.

The staff enable the children to develop their independence skills. One child has begun an independence programme and is able to use public transport and attend clubs independently. Two of the more vulnerable children have learned some independence skills, such as cooking and household chores. The children develop valuable skills for later life.

The children's regularly reviewed risk assessments are individual, informative and guide the staff in keeping the children safe.

Safeguarding concerns are managed well. The manager reports concerns to the designated officer and follows the advice given. The staff have undertaken relevant safeguarding training, and they report and record concerns appropriately.

The staff receive regular good-quality supervision. This gives staff the opportunity to discuss the children, their care practice and personal development.

Communication between the staff and external professionals is good. A social worker said that the staff keep him up to date and that the manager is proactive in chasing and challenging other professionals.

There has been a decrease in incidents of children going missing since one child moved from the home. When incidents occur, the staff actively search for and try to locate the children. The staff welcome the children back into the home and try to ascertain where they have been.

There have been seven physical interventions since the last inspection, all of which relate to one child. The staff use physical intervention only as a last resort to keep children from hurting themselves or others.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
10/07/2019	Full	Good
20/11/2018	Full	Requires improvement to be good
11/01/2018	Full	Good

Information about this inspection

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.

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people, 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: 1259551

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Semi-Independent House Limited

Registered provider address: 51 Ploverly, Peterborough PE4 6HZ

Responsible individual: Collins Usada

Registered manager: Ganene Maycroft

Inspectors

Trish Palmer, social care inspector

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