

1271222

Registered provider: GS Social Care Solutions Ltd

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home provides care and accommodation for up to five young people who may have a learning disability, physical disability, sensory impairment and/or autistic spectrum disorder and who may also display associated challenging behaviour.

Inspection date: 19 March 2019

Judgement at last inspection: requires improvement to be good

Date of last inspection: 15 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 requires improvement to be good at the last full inspection. At the interim inspection, Ofsted judges that it has improved effectiveness.

The home provides young people with a safe, secure, warm, comfortable and homely environment. The environment is very caring and nurturing. Staff always treat the young people living in the home with unconditional positive regard. Staff spoke to the inspector about the young people's progress, experiences and personalities with affection and care.

The management team has good oversight of the quality of care that the young people receive and has appropriate monitoring systems in place. Managers are held in high regard by staff. Staff who spoke to the inspector during the inspection confirmed that the management team provides good leadership and support.

A highly dependent group of young people are well cared for. Their complex needs are understood and met by small teams of designated staff. The staff understand the young people's needs and meet them. Routines are tailored to meet the individual needs of the young people. These routines have a positive impact on young people, contributing significantly to the good, steady progress that they are making in all areas of their lives.

One young person has moved out of the home in a planned way. She was able to visit her new home and have an overnight stay before she moved in. Three young people have been welcomed into the home and they have experienced well-planned moves. The three young people have settled in well and have developed positive relationships with each other.

The young people in this home do not go missing. High levels of staff supervision ensure that young people are safe in their home and their community. Risk assessments are, however, in place with clear actions for staff to follow should young people go missing. There has only been one incident of physical intervention since the last inspection. This was low level and used to safeguard the young person from harm.

Working in partnership with other agencies to support the young people's progress is a strength of this home. Young people's complex health needs are being well managed because of strong and well-established links between community-based healthcare services. The home retains good links with a range of services that provide specialised care to young people. The young people are all accessing education and making progress in this area.

The registered manager has addressed the requirements and recommendations made at the last inspection. The statement of purpose accurately reflects the current aims and objectives of the home. However, the staffing list needs to be updated to identify all the staff who work at the home. A requirement has been raised to address this shortfall.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
15/05/2018	Full	Requires improvement to be 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.

Requirement	Due date
The registered person must— keep the statement of purpose under review and, where appropriate, revise it; and notify HMCI of any revisions and send HMCI a copy of the revised statement within 28 days of the revision. (Regulation 16 (3)(a)(b)) In particular, the manager must ensure that the staffing list is up to date, detailing every member of staff who works in the home.	01/05/2019

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: 1271222

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Inspector

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