

2508451

Registered provider: Hampshire County Council

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is owned and run by the local authority. It is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to four children with emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

The manager has been registered with Ofsted since 22 July 2020.

The home was closed for over a year due to COVID 19 and reopened in July 2021.

Inspection date: 28 March 2022

Date of last inspection: 15 September 2021

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

The home presents as calmer, with more positive aspects to daily life. Children are afforded routine and stability by committed staff that have embraced the learning experience. One child has made significant progress in all areas. For example, they have increased self-esteem and improved their physical health.

Children are in education and making progress. The registered manager has been efficient and successful in seeking education for one child who was not previously attending school. For those that do not have a full educational timetable, education activities are provided daily by staff. For example, wildlife centres and fossil hunting. As a result, children now have some structure, routine and boundaries in place and are achieving as a result of this stability.

The arrangements in place for some children moving into the home vary. Information gathering is at times hindered both internally and by the local authority. As a result, staff may not understand what will be required of them when they accept responsibility for a child's placement. However, the registered manager has been creative and proactive in managing this when it has happened by successfully implementing planning to ensure that the needs of the children are met.

In the absence of the registered manager due to annual leave, a disclosure from a child was not reported in a timely way. Nonetheless, the registered manager has been effective and thorough in her approach to ensure that all staff have refreshed their knowledge and understand the importance of reporting through the correct process. Learning from this has been fully embedded back into practice. Therefore, staff are confident and informed moving forward.

All staff receive regular practice-related supervision. Actions are clear and reviewed the following month. The registered manager has excellent oversight of the well-being and practice of the whole staff team. As a result, the staff feel very supported, with direction that identifies learning and development.

The registered manager has developed additional quality assurance tools. This has provided increased awareness and individual accountability. Monitoring and oversight by senior leaders has improved and there is a sense of collaborative working among the management and staff team. As a result, morale has risen and children are cared for by an informed and well-supported staff team.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
15/09/2021	Full	Requires improvement to be good
13/02/2020	Interim	Declined in effectiveness
15/08/2019	Full	Outstanding

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 care planning standard is that children— receive effectively planned care in or through the children's home; and have a positive experience of arriving at or moving on from the home. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that arrangements are in place to— ensure the effective induction of each child into the home. (Regulation 14(1)(a)(b) (2)(b)(i))	29 June 2022

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: 2508451

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Responsible individual: John Stacey

Registered manager: Nichola Meads

Inspector

Jill Sephton-Wright, Social Care Inspector

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