

2510324

Registered provider: Leeward Care Ltd

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This privately owned home provides care for up to four children with emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

The manager was registered with Ofsted on 13 March 2019, when the home was opened.

Inspection date: 6 March 2020

Date of last inspection: 15 October 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 two young people living here continue to make considerable progress. The staff team provides good standards of care and is able to respond to any difficult situations that may arise. Incidents are low in number, and this reflects the effective work that the staff do with the young people. The staff's practice is underpinned by detailed planning and continuous review of young people's plans. The staff are well trained to meet the needs of the young people. Training covers areas such as risk-taking behaviours, self-harm, gender identity, gender fluidity and sexual exploitation. The staff continue to support the young people to develop their own sense of identity and to access appropriate youth groups.

The young people have strong relationships with staff, who provide effective and individualised nurturing care. The staff talk about and treat the young people with respect and dignity. They know the young people very well and can talk in depth about the progress that each young person has made. They also know individual triggers and areas of risk.

Young people who live at the home are actively encouraged to attend education, and the importance of education is regularly promoted. The two young people have achieved excellent school attendance rates. For one young person who has been through a period of non-school attendance, this is a huge step forward.

The home works effectively with partner agencies to promote positive outcomes for young people. Examples of this work include regular meetings with education professionals and support services, such as child and adolescent mental health services, the drug and alcohol support team and a specialist sexual exploitation charity.

Safeguarding and child protection are a high priority at the home. The registered manager and senior staff are clear about the action to take if a referral to the designated officer is indicated. Other concerns are raised to young people's social workers when needed.

The registered manager and her staff team have taken very suitable action in response to requirements and recommendations made at the last inspection. This includes improving the monitoring and reviewing systems, learning from medication errors to ensure safe practice and reviewing recruitment procedures to ensure that all gaps in employment are addressed and that the registered manager has improved oversight. In addition, the registered manager has reviewed the six-monthly quality of care report format.

The house is homely and continues to be well maintained. The young people have personalised their bedrooms. There is ample external space including an area in the garden where the young people enjoy looking after the four chickens.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
15/10/2019	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: 2510324

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Leeward Care Ltd

Registered provider address: 1 Langley Court, Pyle Street, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1LA

Responsible individual: Guy Ashton

Registered manager: Sharon Ashton

Inspector

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