

SC000802

Registered provider: Arronbeth Ltd

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is run by a private organisation and is registered for the care and accommodation of up to four children or young people who have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

Inspection date: 21 February 2018

Judgement at last inspection: requires improvement to be good

Date of last inspection: 18 July 2017

Enforcement action since last inspection:

At the full inspection on 18 July 2017, three requirements were made. Two of these had also been made at the previous inspection, so they were elevated to compliance notices. These related to children and young people receiving an appropriate education and having appropriate care planning procedures in place. At a monitoring visit on 21 November 2018, both of these compliance notices and the other requirement were judged to have been met.

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.

In the period since the previous full inspection, the registered manager has overseen the steady improvement and development of the home. There had been a lack of structure and routine in the home but this is now improving, with staff starting to put in place clearer boundaries and expectations. This is helping the young people to understand consequences and helping them to settle into more positive lifestyles.

One young person has left the home and returned to live with a family member as planned. Two other young people have remained in the home, and no further children or young people have been admitted.

One young person is making steady progress after a slow and unsettled start to their placement. They are now attending school well and have started to open up and talk more about their life and their difficulties. They are more engaged with the staff and the day-to-day life of the home, and they are enjoying a more active leisure programme. Their experience of living in the home is clearly improving.

Another young person has also made some progress, but this has not been sustained. Their attendance at college and their participation in the day-to-day life of the home have reduced. They have become more anxious and challenging, and their emotional health has been poorer. This has happened before, but this time the staff are taking a firmer and more proactive approach to the issues, and this is appropriate. Staff have good plans in place that will support the young person and will help them deal with their current difficulties and issues.

The young people at this home have been kept safe, with almost no safeguarding concerns or incidents. The staff do use some sanctions appropriately, but have not had to use any physical interventions.

The registered manager has made a number of changes to recording systems at the home, and these are now good. The new systems help staff plan more effectively. The manager is also monitoring care practices well. He has made greater efforts to work in partnership with other professionals. Also, he has challenged educational providers more and has been more proactive in dealing with educational concerns in a timely manner. He has provided stronger leadership and management to the staff team.

No requirements or recommendations have been made at this inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
18/07/2017	Full	Requires improvement to be good
28/03/2017	Interim	Improved effectiveness
18/10/2016	Full	Requires improvement
23/02/2016	Interim	Sustained effectiveness

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: SC000802

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered manager: Scott Stainsby

Inspector

Colin Imrie, social care inspector

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