

SC000802

Registered provider: Arronbeth Limited

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This privately run home provides care and accommodation for up to four children and/or young people who have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

The manager has been registered since 2007.

Inspection date: 25 February 2019

Judgement at last inspection: good

Date of last inspection: 5 June 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 good at the last full inspection.

At the interim inspection, Ofsted judges that it has sustained effectiveness.

The children and young people have positive experiences and they are achieving. They have good relationships with the staff and with each other. The staff are genuinely caring and nurturing, and they are good role models. This helps the children and young people to develop and progress in all areas of their lives.

A social worker said: 'My young person is doing really well. The staff have stuck by him where a lot of other homes would have wanted him moving.'

The children and young people rate the activities as 'one of the best things about living at the home'. The staff encourage and enable the children and young people to pursue

their hobbies and to join group activities/outings. As a result, the children's and young people's confidence and self-esteem are boosted.

All the children and young people are attending education and/or vocational training. The attendance of some is inconsistent, however all the children and young people have significantly progressed from their starting point. The registered manager is a very good advocate for children and young people in respect of their education, which promotes the children's and young people's rights and equality.

The staff have a good understanding about managing transitions. For young people making the transition into adulthood, the staff work alongside them to ensure that they are equipped with the independence skills that they need. The staff have also established good partnership working with other agencies and professionals who support care leavers. This supportive approach increases the likelihood of success.

There are no current safeguarding concerns. The children and young people feel safe and secure in their environment. The staff know the children's and young people's individual risks and how to reduce these, which promotes the children's and young people's safety and well-being.

The registered manager has a good oversight of the home and he monitors outcomes for the children and young people effectively. The registered manager has an ongoing development plan, which drives progress and improvement.

There is an established, committed, team of staff who focus on the best interests of the children and young people. Staff morale is very good, and the staff feel supported, valued and listened to. Consequently, the staff provide the children and young people with high levels of stability and consistency. A staff member commented: 'This is a good place to work. The staff are all caring and we all get along well. This is good for the young people living here.'

The home has progressed by meeting a previous requirement and recommendation. The introduction of electronic records is becoming embedded, and confidential information about the children and young people is being recorded appropriately.

There are no new requirements or recommendations arising from this inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
05/06/2018	Full	Good
21/02/2018	Interim	Improved effectiveness
18/07/2017	Full	Requires improvement to be good
28/03/2017	Interim	Improved 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 difference 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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Responsible individual: John Binks

Registered manager: Scott Stainsby

Inspector

Debbie White, social care inspector

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