

Children's homes – Interim inspection

Inspection date	28/03/2017
Unique reference number	SC000802
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home
Registered provider	Arronbeth Ltd
Responsible individual	John Binks
Registered manager	Scott Stainsby
Inspector	Colin Imrie

Inspection date	28/03/2017
Previous inspection judgement	Requires improvement
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 at the full inspection. At this interim inspection, Ofsted judges that it has improved effectiveness. The registered manager and the staff have made clear improvements during the period since the previous inspection. There were five requirements made at the previous inspection and these have all been met. All of the young people now have appropriate educational placements. Attendance at school or college is improved, but staff need to further encourage the young people to attend more frequently, and a requirement has been made at this inspection. The standard of personalised work with the young people has improved significantly, which is benefiting their progress and their experience. There has been a clear effort from the management team to improve its performance. All of the staff have now had an annual appraisal and the level of training for staff has also improved. The registered manager has made improvements to the monitoring and review systems and has a clear development plan in place. The staff have made more effort to engage the young people in leisure activities. Further efforts to engage the young people still need to be made and so another requirement has been made at this inspection. The registered manager has appointed an experienced independent visitor to complete the visits. The registered manager has found them to be both challenging and helpful in terms of advice and guidance and says that this is having a positive effect on his performance and his work. Two young people are now making good progress, particularly around education. One young person who has been recently admitted has not engaged with staff and is not making sufficient progress. Another young person was admitted but was remanded to secure accommodation within a very short time of the admission. There are continued safeguarding concerns about the young person recently admitted, as they go missing frequently. However, staff do make efforts to locate and return them. While the situation at the home is clearly improving, the registered manager acknowledges that further developments are necessary.	

A requirement has been made to further improve care planning. The registered manager will need to work with and challenge placing authorities more effectively to achieve this.

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.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
18/10/2016	Full	Requires improvement
23/02/2016	Interim	Sustained effectiveness
07/07/2015	Full	Requires improvement
22/12/2014	Interim	Sustained effectiveness

What does the children's home need to do to improve?

Statutory requirements

This section sets out the actions which must be taken so that the registered person(s) meet(s) the Care Standards Act 2000, the 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
7. In order to meet the children's views, wishes and feelings standard, with particular reference to developing closer relationships between staff and young people, the registered person must ensure that staff: (1)(a) develop positive relationships with them; (1)(b) engage with them.	30/06/2017
8. In order to meet the education standard, with particular reference to supporting and encouraging children to attend school or college, the registered person must ensure that staff: (2)(a)(x) help each child to attend education or training in accordance with the expectations in the child's relevant plans.	30/06/2017
14. In order to meet the care planning standard, with particular reference to all young people having up-to-date pathway plans and up-to-date personal education plans, the registered person must ensure that children: (1)(a) receive effectively planned care in or through the children's home.	30/06/2017

What the inspection judgements mean

At the interim inspection we make a judgement on whether the home has improved in effectiveness, sustained effectiveness, or declined in effectiveness since the previous full inspection. This is in line with the 'Inspection of children's homes: framework for inspection'.

Information about this inspection

Inspectors looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people living in the children's home. Inspectors considered the quality of work and the difference that adults make to the lives of children and young people. They read case files, watched how professional staff work with children, young people and each other and discussed the effectiveness of help and care given to children and young people. Wherever possible, they talked to children, young people and their families. In addition, the inspectors 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.

This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000 to assess the effectiveness of the service 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'.

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