

Children's homes – Interim inspection

Inspection date	14/3/2017
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Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home
Registered provider	Catholic Care (Diocese of Leeds)
Registered provider address	11 North Grange Road, Leeds LS6 2BR

Responsible individual	Carol Hill
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Inspector	Janet Black

Inspection date	14/03/2017
Previous inspection judgement	Outstanding
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 outstanding at the full inspection. At this interim inspection Ofsted judges that it has improved effectiveness. Young people continue to receive outstanding care in this home. They are making excellent progress and the manager and staff have high aspirations for them. Since the last inspection the young people who are resident have remained the same. Two young people have moved into the on-site flats to prepare for independence. With support from staff, they are learning a range of daily living skills. They are attending local colleges and have active social lives, with a range of interests in the community. Other young people are making strong progress. They are doing well in education or training. They engage in a range of activities in the community such as army cadets, voluntary work and local football teams. Some of the young people are going abroad in the summer. Another is staying at home to start driving lessons and undertake the 'Three Peaks' walk. These activities broaden the experiences of young people. One young person commented that, 'It is the best placement I've had. You won't get anywhere better than here.' Another young person said that it really helps him living here because it is 'really chilled'. Young people are treated with respect by the manager and staff, and their views are taken into account. As a result, young people do not go missing from the home. Staff do not need to use physical intervention and no young people are assessed as being vulnerable to child sexual exploitation. They are also safeguarded where internet safety is concerned. Young people value the fact that they are trusted to follow the house rules, and for the most part this is the case. The manager monitors young people's progress on a weekly basis. There is a culture of reflective practice and an ambition to further improve things for young people. For example, there are plans to erect additional accommodation in the garden. This will enable families who travel long distances to visit their children to stay the night. The care of young people is complemented by close working relationships with schools, health professionals, parents and social workers. The home holds an annual bonfire party where all of these people are invited to socialise with the young people. Previous residents often visit with their own families. This is a testament to the dedication of staff and the positive impact they have on young	

people.

Information about this children's home

This home is run by a charitable organisation. It is registered to provide care for up to seven children who have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties. The home also contains two one-bedroomed self-contained flats for young people who are preparing to live independently.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
01/11/2016	Full	Outstanding
04/02/2016	Interim	Sustained effectiveness
20/07/2015	Full	Outstanding
23/02/2015	Interim	Improved effectiveness

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.

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