

Inspection report for children's home

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Inspector	Paul Taylor
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home

Registered person	Lioncare Limited
Registered person address	Lioncare Ltd 58a Livingstone Road Hove East Sussex BN3 3WL
Responsible individual	Matthew Vince
Registered manager	Angela Theresa Rowbottom
Date of last inspection	19/11/2014

Inspection date	26/02/2015
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Previous inspection	outstanding
Enforcement action since last inspection	none

This inspection

This home was judged outstanding at the last full inspection. At this interim inspection Ofsted judge that it has **improved effectiveness**.

At the last inspection this home was judged to be outstanding. Two recommendations were made at that inspection. One related to the need to record that children are offered medical assistance following physical intervention and the other was that all members of staff should receive training in e-safety. These recommendations have been addressed. Records show that young people are now offered medical assistance and the opportunity to see if medical practitioner after a physical restraint. Additionally, all members of staff receive e-safety training as part of their safeguarding training. Members of staff share information and advice with young people with regards to the risks associated with the internet and this ensures that the practice is an embedded part of the home's culture and that everyone, have an active role in keeping children safe.

Young people continue to benefit from living in a home where support and guidance is of a high standard. Bespoke plans and regular appointments with therapists enable young people to develop insight into their behaviours and backgrounds. As a result, young people have progressed to the point of being prepared to move on to live in foster homes. Detailed and carefully planned transition plans give a structure to the young people involved and these nurture and prepare them for the next stage in their lives.

Varied activities which meet young people's individual interests continue to be provided. This enables them to further develop their life and social skills. In specific cases young people receive one to one support from members of staff so that they can have intense support during times when they are anxious or are displaying challenging behaviour. This provides them with structure and immediate access to adults who can respond to their anxieties and provide guidance and reassurance. As a result of this, behaviour is seen to improve and young people enjoy the relationships they develop with the adults caring for them.

The home's emphasis on reparative consequences to negative behaviour continues to be effective. Young people make amends for misbehaviour by addressing it in a positive and constructive manner. For example, young people will help the maintenance team repair damage they have caused or make a meal for peers if they have been disruptive or offensive to them. This places an emphasis on developing responsibility for their actions and having the opportunity to put right any wrongdoing. This approach means that the imposition of sanctions for negative behaviour is rare.

Young people are seen to be relaxed in the company of members of staff and to seek out their approval and attention. One young person commented that 'Actually, they're alright, friendly, I can have a laugh with them'.

No requirements or recommendations have been made during this inspection.

Information about this children's home

The home can accommodate up to seven children and young people. The service aims to accommodate children and young people who have emotional and behavioural difficulties and provides a therapeutic care approach towards meeting their needs. The home is part of an organisation which has three residential homes and a school.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
19/11/2014	Full	outstanding
19/02/2014	Interim	good progress
07/11/2013	Full	outstanding
11/02/2013	Interim	good progress

What inspection judgements mean

At the interim inspections 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

The purpose of this inspection is to assure children and young people, parents, the public, local authorities and government of the quality and standard of the service provided. The 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 relevant regulations and meets the national minimum standards.

The report details the main strengths, any areas for improvement, including any breaches of regulation, and any failure to meet national minimum standards. The judgements included in the report are made against the framework of inspection for children's homes.