

Inspection report for children's home

Unique reference number	SC023737
Inspector	Anna Williams
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home

Registered person	Ethelbert Specialist Homes Limited
Registered person address	Cheesemans Farmhouse Alland Grange Lane, Manston Ramsgate Kent CT12 5BZ
Responsible individual	Leslie Peter Davenport
Registered manager	Gillian Hilton-Amzaleg
Date of last inspection	06/03/2014

Inspection date	22/10/2014
Previous inspection	good progress
Enforcement action since last inspection	There has been no enforcement action since the last inspection.

This inspection

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

Since the last inspection, the Registered Manager has attained the Level 5 Diploma in leadership for health and social care and children's and young people's services. This achievement both extends and updates her knowledge and skills in effective leadership.

All the young people continue to make progress across all aspects of their lives. A parent commented 'it is a very, very good home, and they have made such a positive difference to the life of my child'. All the young people attend educational establishments and have full attendance. Their educational progress is good taking into account their individual starting points. One young person was awarded for 'most improved pupil' at the end of the school year. All the young people took part in summer holiday trips to seaside towns. These provide young people with good opportunities to try new experiences and visit new places. All the young people engage positively in a wide variety of purposeful activities. Examples include figure skating, girl guides, singing lessons, pottery classes and swimming. Young people's personal interests and talents are nurtured. This benefits young people's physical health as well as their personal and social development.

Since the last inspection, there have been no young people reported missing from the home. There have been no allegations or suspicions of harm since the last visit. Staff spoken to demonstrate excellent understanding of the home's safeguarding procedures. The use of sanctions and physical interventions is appropriate and very low. There have been no internal or external complaints relating to the home.

Record keeping is of a very good standard. Young people are encouraged to, and do add their own personal comments to their case files. Furthermore, young people now have individual 'progress books' which capture their personal thoughts on their

care plans and achievements. These provide an innovative way of involving young people in recording and reflecting on their own progress.

The house and gardens continue to be maintained to an excellent standard offering young people a homely and warm environment which is enhanced by their own art work on display.

No recommendations or requirements were made at the last inspection. During this visit no shortfalls were identified. The Registered Manager has a development plan in place and good progress is being made on the areas for improvement in the plan. Attachment theory workshops have taken place, which have extended staff knowledge and provided the opportunity to reflect on the unique needs of the young people placed.

Information about this children's home

The home is owned by a private organisation. It is registered to provide care and accommodation for a maximum of three young people, who have emotional and behavioural difficulties.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
06/03/2014	Interim	good progress
02/10/2013	Full	good
25/03/2013	Interim	good progress
19/06/2012	Full	good

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.