

SC030797

Ethelbert Specialist Homes Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

According to the home's statement of purpose, the service provides care and support for up to eight children experiencing complex needs resulting from their early life experiences. The age range of the children for whom care is offered is seven to 13.

The manager of the home was registered with Ofsted in April 2016.

Inspection date: 18 February 2021

This monitoring visit

This monitoring visit was undertaken to assess the strength of management arrangements and the sufficiency of staffing. A review was also conducted of how staff have supported the young people during COVID-19 (coronavirus) restrictions and the effectiveness with which staff respond to risks to the well-being and safety of the young people. This visit also considered the requirements made at the last full inspection. This took place on 19 November 2020 when the home was judged as good.

In accordance with Ofsted guidance on COVID-19 restrictions, this visit was undertaken remotely. The inspector held telephone and video discussions with leaders and managers, young people and members of staff. A range of requested documents relevant to the areas of inquiry were considered, and a virtual tour of the home was conducted.

This large home has been particularly hard-hit by the pandemic, with several members of staff contracting COVID-19 at different times. The leadership of the home has, however, been dynamic and the staff team very flexible through this period. All have worked hard together to maintain stable and consistent care for the children.

The staff have remained firmly focused on the progress and well-being of the children, as restrictions have changed and normal routines and activities have been disrupted. As

restrictions have varied, staff have effectively supported the young people to maintain meaningful contact with their families and to remain engaged in their education.

The children have worked together with staff to maintain high daily standards of hygiene and sanitisation, and discernible camaraderie has developed in the home. The children spoken to said that they feel safe and secure. They talked positively about the care provided by leaders and staff under difficult circumstances.

Good standards of safety have been maintained in the home, and incidences of disruptive events have been low. The staff spoken to expressed great positivity about the leadership of the home and cohesion of the staff team.

The two requirements set at the last inspection about clear records of restraint and effective addressing of chronic health conditions have been met. During this virtual visit, no breach of regulation or failure to follow guidance was identified.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
19/11/2019	Full	Good
04/09/2018	Full	Good
22/11/2017	Full	Good
10/11/2016	Interim	Sustained effectiveness

Information about this inspection

The purpose of this visit was to monitor the action taken and the progress made by the children's home since its last Ofsted inspection.

This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000.

Children's home details

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Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered manager: Sidney Coffin

Inspector:

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