

SC034301

Registered provider: Bristol City Council

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This children's home is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to five young people who may have emotional and/or behavioural care needs. The home is operated by a local authority.

Inspection date: 20 March 2019

Judgement at last inspection: good

Date of last inspection: 11 December 2018

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 good at the last full inspection. At the interim inspection, Ofsted judges that it has sustained effectiveness.

The manager successfully recently completed the Ofsted registration process to become the registered manager of the home. She is continuing to provide strong leadership and direction to the staff. The young people living in the home are settled and are making good progress.

Two young people have arrived to live at the home since the last inspection. The staff make every effort to get to know the young people prior to them moving into the home to ensure that they will be a good match with the existing young people. Visits to the home are encouraged so that young people get to know each other. The staff give the young people already living in the home increased nurture and attention, so that young people do not feel they have to compete for the attention of staff. This attention to detail by the staff and manager ensures that the moves are successful and there is minimal disruption to young people already living in the home.

All young people are in educational placements or are actively looking for employment. Two young people are due to leave the home soon when they reach 18 years old, having made progress in all aspects of their lives since they arrived at the home. The staff are working with these young people effectively to ensure that they have the necessary skills they will need to live independently, such as personal care skills, opening a bank account and budgeting.

The staff develop trusting relationships with the young people. The young people gain confidence and a sense of security from these relationships and feel safe. The staff are consistent and knowledgeable, and know the young people well. Behaviour is well managed and incidents of risk-taking behaviour from the young people are reduced. If there are concerns that a young person may be at risk, prompt action is taken by the staff to liaise with the relevant safeguarding professionals. Strategies to manage the risks are put in place to keep the young person safe. The use of restraint is rare. On one occasion, the record of restraint was not comprehensively completed by the member of staff involved in the restraint, and the duration of the restraint was not clearly recorded.

Improvements to the home continue to be made. The home offers young people a homely and well-decorated environment. The bathrooms are currently being refurbished and the front door, which had an institutional appearance, has been replaced. The office is now a room that the young people can use. Large metal filing cabinets have been replaced with wooden cabinets.

Placement plans are now regularly updated and state the aims of the placement and document the progress that the young people are making.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
11/12/2018	Full	Good
29/07/2016	Full	Requires improvement
31/05/2016	Full	Inadequate
17/03/2016	Interim	Sustained effectiveness

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

Statutory requirements

This section sets out the actions that the registered person(s) must take to meet the Care Standards Act 2000, 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
35: Behaviour management policies and records The registered person must ensure that within 24 hours of the use of a measure of control, discipline or restraint in relation to a child in the home, a record is made which includes— (iv) a description of the measure and its duration. (Regulation 35(3)(a)(iv))	11/04/2019

Information about this inspection

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people. Inspectors considered the quality of work and the differences made to the lives of children and young people. They watched how professional staff work with children and young people and each other and discussed the effectiveness of help and care provided. Wherever possible, they talked to children and young people and their families. In addition, the inspectors have 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.

Using the 'Social care common inspection framework', this inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000 to assess the effectiveness of the service, how it meets the core functions of the service as set out in legislation, 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'.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: SC034301

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider address: Director of Legal Services, City Hall, College Green, Bristol BS1 5TR

Responsible individual: James Beardall

Registered manager: Hester Schofield

Inspector

Tina Maddison, social care inspector

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