

Aycliffe Secure Services

Aycliffe Secure Centre, Copelaw, Aycliffe, Newton Aycliffe, County Durham DL5 6JB

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This secure children's home is operated by a local authority and is approved by the Secretary of State to restrict children's liberty. The home cares for up to 34 children aged between 10 and 17 years across five houses. There were 28 children living in the home at the time of this inspection.

The home provides care for up to eight children placed by the Youth Custody Service and up to 26 children under section 25 of the Children Act 1989 who are placed by local authorities.

The admission of any child under section 25 of the Children Act 1989 who is under 13 years of age requires the approval of the Secretary of State.

The commissioning of health services in this home is the statutory responsibility of NHS England under the Health and Social Care Act 2012. Education is provided on site in dedicated facilities.

The manager of the home registered with Ofsted in January 2022.

Inspection date: 16 October 2024

This monitoring visit

This monitoring visit was carried out in line with the memorandum of understanding between Ofsted and the Department for Education (DfE).

Inspectors visited the home with specialist architects commissioned by the DfE. This visit forms part of the information that Ofsted provides to the DfE so that the Secretary of State can decide about the continuing suitability of the home to restrict children's liberty.

This inspection found that the home provides a suitable environment to meet the needs of children.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
19/06/2024	Assurance	No serious or widespread concerns
22/11/2023	Assurance	No serious or widespread concerns
11/07/2023	Full	Good
21/09/2022	Full	Good
03/11/2021	Interim	Sustained effectiveness
13/04/2021	Full	Outstanding

Information about this inspection

The purpose of this visit was so that Ofsted can provide information to the DfE so that the Secretary of State can decide about the continuing suitability of the home to restrict children's liberty.

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

Children's home details

Unique reference number: SC035648

Provision sub-type: Secure unit

Registered provider: Durham County Council

Registered provider address: Resources, County Hall, Durham DH1 5UL

Responsible individual: Martyn Stenton

Registered manager: Valerie Haigh

Inspector

Shaun Common, His Majesty's Inspector

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