

Inspection report for children's home

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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.

This report details the main strengths and any areas for improvement identified during the inspection. The judgements included in the report are made in relation to the outcome for children set out in the Children Act 2004 and relevant National Minimum Standards for the establishment.

The inspection judgements and what they mean

Outstanding:	this aspect of the provision is of exceptionally high quality
Good:	this aspect of the provision is strong
Satisfactory:	this aspect of the provision is sound
Inadequate:	this aspect of the provision is not good enough

Service information

Brief description of the service

This children's residential unit provides care for up to six young people of either sex aged 13 years to 18 years. The unit takes emergency placements. Placements are also available for a young person bailed or remanded by a court, and family or previous placement breakdown.

Currently the service has been relocated to another residential provision. This is to allow for the building to be demolished and rebuilt. The staff, young people, all records, policies and procedures have been transferred, until the rebuild and refurbishment has been completed. The service has been inspected at its temporary site and a separate report is available.

Summary

The service on this site has been inoperative for about 18 months. The registered provider has indicated that the service will not be operational for at least another eight months from the date of inspection. Ofsted will make a decision about when to inspect the service and this will be at a maximum of three months after any accommodation of children and young people. A minimal number of national minimum standards and regulations have been inspected. These relate to the premises provided and the registered provider only. Should the service decide to become operational they are required to inform Ofsted of their intention before they commence providing services.

The overall quality rating is satisfactory.

This is an overview of what the inspector found during the inspection.

Improvements since the last inspection

Not applicable.

Helping children to be healthy

The provision is not judged.

Protecting children from harm or neglect and helping them stay safe

The provision is not judged.

Helping children achieve well and enjoy what they do

The provision is not judged.

Helping children make a positive contribution

The provision is not judged.

Achieving economic wellbeing

The provision is satisfactory.

The gates to the drive are locked and the building is boarded up waiting to be demolished. Representatives from the local authority are working to a target date of July 2010 for the rebuild to be completed. Once this has occurred, the staff, young people, the units policies, procedures and records will move back to this site from their current, temporary accommodation. Once completed, young people should be provided with modern, up-to-date facilities that will enhance outcomes.

Organisation

The organisation is not judged.

What must be done to secure future improvement?

Statutory requirements

This section sets out the actions, which must be taken so that the registered person meets the Care Standards Act 2000, The Childrens Homes Regulations 2001 and the National Minimum Standards. The Registered Provider must comply with the given timescales.

Standard	Action	Due date
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Recommendations

There are no recommendations.