

Children's Home - Monitoring visit

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This monitoring visit.

The purpose of this monitoring visit was to consider the temporary move of young people to alternative accommodation, pending building works being commenced at the children's home. It was undertaken as an unannounced visit, to consider the care, support and safeguarding of young people and the quality of the temporary accommodation.

Excellent and detailed planning for the temporary move has been undertaken by the registered manager, deputy manager and staff team. The temporary accommodation has all necessary aides and adaptations in place for disabled children. The environment is spacious, both internally and externally. Young people were exceptionally well prepared for the move by staff and managers, with social story books being completed by staff and shared with young people prior to the move taking place. Consultation also took place with parents and carers, as well as with local authority social workers. Young people have been visited by their social workers since moving to the temporary accommodation, with feedback being consistently positive. Some parents and carers have visited their children since the temporary move, with no concerns or issues being raised with staff or managers.

The registered manager worked closely with the temporary accommodation provider to ensure that detailed environmental risk assessments were undertaken prior to the move. She has fully considered the specific needs of each young person and how those needs can be met. Risk assessments have been updated and amended to reflect the move to alternative accommodation for each young person. The continuity plan for the children's home has been amended and updated to reflect the temporary accommodation. This includes very detailed and specific information about emergency evacuation plans for staff and young people.

Young people have responded very positively to the temporary move and present as happy and relaxed. Sleeping accommodation is of a high standard for each young person. They have full access to communal living areas and an exceptionally welcoming and stimulating outdoor area for them to engage in social activities with staff. Staff and managers have devised and implemented a detailed activity planner for each young person. They continue to enjoy a wide range of social experiences, including trips to the seaside, local parks and regular contact with family members.

Staffing ratios remain high and provide young people with excellent levels of support and supervision at all times. Security and access to the accommodation is very secure. Staff diligently monitor and check all visitors and ensure that identification checks are undertaken and recorded. All relevant agencies and professionals have been advised of the temporary move, including local police and health agencies.

The registered manager is located at the temporary accommodation, providing

daily support and management oversight to young people and staff. She has fully considered all actual and potential issues and needs for young people during the temporary move and has excellent recording and monitoring systems in place. Staff spoken with during the visit stated how positively the temporary move had been planned and undertaken.

No areas of concerns or shortfalls were identified as a result of this monitoring visit.

Information about this children's home

The home is owned and run by the local authority. It is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to seven children and young people with physical and learning disabilities.

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.

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