

Children's homes – Interim inspection

Inspection date	23/02/2017
Unique reference number	SC372617
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home
Registered provider	Bryn Melyn Care
Registered provider address	Bryn Melyn Care Limited, Edward James House, Hadley Park East, TELFORD TF1 6QJ

Responsible individual	James Flanagan
Registered manager	Justine Staples
Inspector	Dawn Bennett

Inspection date	23/02/2017
Previous inspection judgement	Outstanding
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 outstanding at the full inspection. At this interim inspection Ofsted judges that it has improved effectiveness. The young person is continuing to successfully achieve major milestones in his life. This progress is significant. Since the last inspection, he has taken and passed his GCSE exams, exceeding his predicted grades in two subjects. Over the summer holiday, he enjoyed participating in a three-week National Citizen Service programme. He also researched, interviewed for and started a part-time job. He continues to study a musical instrument and has passed Grade 3 with distinction. He is now studying A levels at college. These experiences, among many others, have increased his self-esteem, confidence and sense of personal identity. All staff in this small, consistent team are highly experienced and promote a very positive and nurturing environment. The young person trusts them and allows himself to be guided to make positive life decisions. He can safely make mistakes, make changes and grow. Staff work in partnership with the young person to enable him to successfully increase independence and learn new age-appropriate social and life skills. Staff have a clear understanding of how to manage and refer any safeguarding allegations. They receive regular safeguarding training on a range of topics, including children missing from home and awareness-raising in relation to child sexual exploitation. There have been no serious incidents. The home is managed efficiently and successfully. Staff feel very well supported. There are well-established, positive relationships with partner agencies. The registered manager and staff team continue to raise standards and develop the service. They use reflective practice and clinical input to challenge their own practice, and to introduce new strategies to better meet the young person's needs and ensure they continue to achieve outstanding outcomes. There were no previous requirements and recommendations. Quality-assurance systems are used effectively to monitor practice and outcomes, and to identify areas for development. The young person stated: 'In my view this continues to be an outstanding service that meets all my needs.'	

Information about this children's home

This children's home is registered to provide care and accommodation for one young person who has emotional and/or behavioural difficulties. The home is operated by a private company.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
08/06/2016	Full	Outstanding
11/03/2016	Interim	Sustained effectiveness
17/08/2015	Full	Outstanding
10/02/2015	Interim	Improved effectiveness

What the inspection judgements mean

At the interim inspection we make a judgement on whether the home has improved in effectiveness, sustained effectiveness, or declined in effectiveness since the previous full inspection. This is in line with the 'Inspection of children's homes: framework for inspection'.

Information about this inspection

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people living in the children's home. Inspectors considered the quality of work and the difference that adults make to the lives of children and young people. They read case files, watched how professional staff work with children, young people and each other and discussed the effectiveness of help and care given to children and young people. Wherever possible, they talked to children, 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 who 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.

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