

Inspection report for children's home

Unique reference number	SC372652
Inspector	Michelle Moss
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home

Registered person	Bryn Melyn Care Limited
Registered person address	2 High Street Dawley Telford Shropshire TF4 2ET

Responsible individual	Melissa Johnson
Registered manager	Janet Ann Classon
Date of last inspection	08/09/2014

Inspection date	20/01/2015
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Previous inspection	good
Enforcement action since last inspection	None

This inspection

This home was judged good at the last full inspection. At this interim inspection Ofsted judge that it has **sustained effectiveness**.

The home continues to provide tailored care and as a result young people are thriving physically, emotionally, socially and educationally.

The Registered Manager continues to provide clear leadership and direction. As a result, staff have a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities and duties of care towards young people.

Young people's behaviour continues to improve as a consequence of their stable placement. There has been a reduction in behavioural incidents and as a result young people no longer need to take relevant medication: this demonstrates the young people's emotional stability.

Since the last inspection there have been no instances of offending behaviour by the young people. As a result, the young people are given greater opportunity to engage in social activities in the community whilst unsupervised. This demonstrates an increased level of trust and gives young people confidence and responsibility to help them prepare for adulthood.

Young people's health continues to be promoted within the home. For example, young people are supported to try and stop smoking: the home encourages the use of patches and so far this has helped to reduce dependency of cigarettes.

Young people continue to value the support they receive from staff. For example, one young person said, 'My behaviour has got better, staff care and they guide me in the right direction'.

Educational attendance has been maintained. A member of staff attends the school to ensure the young people are given the additional guidance and support they need

to achieve their full potential. This has meant young people's attainment and progress remains on the right track to achieve successful outcomes.

Young people know how to make complaints about their care. Action is quickly taken to ensure that any allegations of abuse or neglect are reported to the appropriate authorities. This prompt sharing of information means the young people are safeguarded and given the reassurance their welfare and safety matters.

The home promotes and develops effective partnerships with other agencies including the police, Youth Offending Service and placing authorities. As a result of this collaborative approach, young people are better protected. One social worker commented the placement had stopped a young person ending up in custody.

At the last full inspection one requirement and one recommendation were made. These have both been addressed. As a result, young people's health and welfare is better protected. This includes more robust procedures for accepting potential new admissions and for the management of medicines.

Information about this children's home

This is a small private children's home caring for one young person, usually aged from 12 to 17 years, who may have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
08/09/2014	Full	good
18/02/2014	Interim	good progress
30/05/2013	Full	outstanding
13/12/2012	Interim	good progress

What inspection judgements mean

At the interim inspections 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

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 to assess the effectiveness of the service and to consider how well it complies with the relevant regulations and meets the national minimum standards.

The report details the main strengths, any areas for improvement, including any breaches of regulation, and any failure to meet national minimum standards. The judgements included in the report are made against the framework of inspection for children's homes.