

Inspection report for children's home

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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	Carolyn Edna Kartal
Date of last inspection	08/07/2014

Inspection date	31/12/2014
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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**.

Young people continue to have positive experiences as a result of living at the home. The support they receive significantly improves health outcomes. For example, some young people arrived at the home dependent on smoking cigarettes but have now stopped. This has been the result of personal self-determination and having nurturing support of staff who have given them the active encouragement they needed.

The home makes a significant difference to young people's lives through offering effective care planning tailored to individual needs. This support enables young people to stay healthy and safe. In some instances, young people arrive with high risks associated with going missing from care. Since commencing their placement, young people have made safer decisions by choosing not to go missing. This in turn has meant their previous presenting risks have significantly reduced.

Care and therapeutic staff continue to create new ways of enabling young people to overcome the difficulties of the past. This support has meant young people are more trusting of adults and better able to self-regulate emotions so progress can be made. Working in partnership with other agencies remains a key aid to helping young people make good levels of progress educationally, socially and emotionally.

The home's environment and outcomes for young people continue to be monitored. This is achieved through regular monitoring by the Registered Manager and monthly quality assurance visits completed by an independent visitor. This system ensures the young people are not only safe, but are making measurable progress as a consequence of their placement.

Young people continue to feel valued, listened to and consulted. For example, they talk fondly about the staff and know their views are respected. Young people are

confident to use the complaints procedure for raising concerns and expressing opinions.

Staff ensure their training needs reflect the presenting needs of young people. This includes requesting training in areas such as self-harming.

When young people have moved on, their transition has been well planned and co-ordinated. This has enabled young people to make a successful transition to adulthood and to have right level of life skills to live independently.

The two requirements from the previous inspection have been addressed. This has meant increased scrutiny of new staff employment history. This in turn has strengthened the safeguards that help to protect young people. Records made when a physical intervention is necessary are more detailed. This is helping to ensure the use of restraint is proportionate and that staff and young people are afforded opportunities to reflect on incidents. This increased transparency ensures the home works in line with good practice guidance and enables young people to understand their rights.

Information about this children's home

This children's home is operated by a private company. The home provides care for up to two young people of either gender with emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
08/07/2014	Full	good
19/12/2013	Interim	good progress
08/08/2013	Full	good
07/02/2013	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.