

Inspection report for children's home

Unique reference number	SC472139
Inspector	James Harmon
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home

Registered person	Amegreen Children's Services Limited
Registered person address	2 Granary Court Fair Oak Green, Stratfield Saye READING RG7 2DL
Responsible individual	Gary James Carlin
Registered manager	Linda Gaye Bursnall
Date of last inspection	04/11/2013

Inspection date	14/01/2015
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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 overall effectiveness of the service was good at the last full inspection conducted in November 2013. On this occasion the home has demonstrated sustained effectiveness. The service has met the requirements and recommendations of the last inspection.

The registered manager now ensures the home has sufficient staff and the staff rota which is on display for young people reflects staff on shift at all times. Staff now receive supervision on a regular basis that details the time, date, and length of time. The quality of the recordings of supervision has improved and now reflects the discussion and topics covered in supervision.

Young people residing at the home, on occasions, have not been appropriately matched. There was period when a young person new to the home influenced another young person detrimentally. This resulted in an increase in incidents requiring behavioural management. An increased awareness by staff regarding young people's safety and welfare prevented young people being exposed to certain risk for example, child exploitation. Although there was an increase in physical interventions during this time, staff undertook these measures only when necessary and in accordance with the young people's individualised positive handling plans. The leadership and management has learned from this period and is now critically evaluating the young people referred to the service and the potential effect on young people already in the home.

Young people confirm that they are safe and enjoy good relationships with staff while being encouraged to participate in activities in the community. The health needs of young people are being promoted and challenged when necessary which results in positive outcomes. Young people are now benefiting from statutory reviews and reviews of placement plans recorded on their file in a timely manner,

this assist young people in achieving outcomes in line with the goals and targets set by the professionals involved.

Information about this children's home

This home is run by a private provider and is registered to provide care and accommodation for two young people with emotional and behavioural difficulties and/or learning difficulties.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
04/11/2013	Full	good

What does the children's home need to do to improve further?

Recommendations

To improve the quality and standards of care further the service should take account of the following recommendation(s):

- admit only children whose assessed needs can reasonably expect to be met; this will include the impact an admission may have on others in the home. (NMS 11.2)

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.