

CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD

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OFSTED INSPECTIONS OF CHILDREN'S HOMES 2015/2016

Report of the Interim Director of Children's Services

1 Why has this report come to the Committee

- 1.1 In their role as corporate parents, members need to be informed of the outcomes of Ofsted inspections of the City's children's homes.

2 Ofsted Inspections of Children's Homes

- 2.1 Children's Homes receive two unannounced inspections per year, the inspection year running from April to March. The first is a full or key inspection, and the second an interim or monitoring inspection.
- 2.2 At the time of this report, all of the Children's Homes have now had their Interim Inspections, thus concluding the inspection year 2015/2016.
- 2.3 Colombo Road was inspected on 08.03.16 and the report is attached.
Judgement: Improved Effectiveness

The home received one statutory requirement:

"The registered person must complete a review of the quality of care provided for children ("a quality of care review") at least once every 6 months. The system must provide for ascertaining and considering the opinions of children, their parents, placing authorities and staff." (Regulation 45(1) and (5))

The home received one recommendation:

"Ensure that the home provides a domestic and homely environment. Specifically, that young people are not required to sign documents such as pocket money records and key worker sessions." (The Guide to the Quality Standards, page 15 paragraph 3.9)

- 2.4 Sea View Road was inspected on 09.03.16 and the report is attached.
Judgement: Sustained Effectiveness

The home received three statutory requirements:

"The leadership and management standard.

In order to meet the leadership and management standard with particular reference to maintaining accurate records of training, ensuring that staff have appropriate training which is refreshed as necessary, and auditing children's care plans effectively, the registered person is required to:

(2)(f) understand the impact that the quality of care provided in the home is having on the progress and experiences of each child, use this understanding to inform the development of the quality of care provided in the home
(h) use monitoring and review systems to make continuous improvements in the quality of care provided in the home.”

“The registered person must ensure that all employees undertake appropriate continuing professional development and receive practice-related supervision by a person with appropriate experience.” (Regulation 33(4)(a) and (b))

“The registered person must complete a review of the quality of care provided for children (“a quality of care review”) at least once every 6 months. The system must provide for ascertaining and considering the opinions of children, their parents, placing authorities and staff.” (Regulation 45(1) and (5))

No recommendations were made.

- 2.5 Monument View was inspected on 15.03.16 and the report is attached.
Overall Judgement: Improved Effectiveness

No statutory requirements or recommendations were made.

- 2.6 Grasswell House was inspected on 16.04.16 and the report is attached.
Overall Judgement: Improved Effectiveness

No statutory requirements or recommendations were made.

- 2.7 Revelstoke Road was inspected on 17.03.16 and the report is attached.
Overall Judgement: Improved Effectiveness

The home received two statutory requirements:

“The quality and purpose of care standard

In order to meet the quality and purpose of care standard with particular reference to maintaining the quality and safety of the premises the registered person must:

(2)(c)(i) ensure that the premises used for the purposes of the home are designed and furnished so as to meet the needs of each child.”

“The registered person must ensure that all employees - receive practice-related supervision by a person with appropriate experience.” (Regulation (33)(4)(b))

The home received one recommendation:

Ensure that any use of restraint should be suitable for the needs of the individual child, in particular that risk assessments describe the method of restraint which can be safely used with each young person. (The Guide to the Quality Standards, page 48 paragraph 9.54)

3 Action Plans

- 3.1 Each home provides a detailed action plan for Ofsted outlining the actions they have undertaken as a result of statutory requirements and recommendations made. Progress with regards to these actions are monitored by Ofsted at their next inspection, through Regulation 44 monitoring visits and through the Registered Managers own monitoring and reporting under Regulation 45.

4 Background papers

- 4.1 The detailed Ofsted inspection reports for all of the Children's Homes are attached.
- 4.2 Further details can be obtained from Sharon Willis, Acting Strategic Service Manager for Children's Homes or Martin Birch, Head of Service for Looked After Children.

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