

TITLE: Recent Inspections of Children in Care Residential Services April - June 2009

1. SUMMARY

This briefing note summarises the outcomes of inspections of Nottingham City Children in Care Services March – June 2009. The summary includes Reg 33 visits to children's homes and Ofsted inspections.

All visits to children's homes have been undertaken in accordance with the 2001 Children's Homes Regulations. They have been conducted within timescale and by visitors independent to the line management of the home.

2. CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL CARE

Ofsted Inspections

Crocus Fields

Visit date 23.03.09

Judgement – Satisfactory

Requirements –

1. Maintain an accurate and up to date record of measures of control used, as set out in the Regulations (Regulation 17, 4)
2. Ensure that arrangements are made for testing fire equipment at suitable intervals. This is in particular relation to the monthly checks on equipment (Regulation 32 (c))
3. Ensure that unnecessary risks in the home are identified and so far as possible eliminated (Regulation 23 (c))
4. Ensure that full and satisfactory information is available for all staff in line with the Regulations (Schedule 2 Regulation 26 (3d))

All these requirements have now been met.

9 Beckhampton Road

Visit date 28.05.09

Judgement – Satisfactory

Requirements –

1. Make suitable arrangements for the recording, handling, safekeeping, safe administration and disposal of medicines received in line with the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain's guidance "The Handling of Medicines in Social Care" (Regulation 21 (1))
2. Provide staff with appropriate training in the management of medicines (Regulation 27 (4) 9a))
3. Provide documentary evidence that all agency staff used have appropriate recruitment checks as detailed in Schedule 2 and that they have mandatory training (Regulation 26 (3))
4. Ensure all areas of the home are kept reasonable decorated and maintained including the gardens (Regulation 31 (2) (e))
5. Ensure the Regulation visitor covers all areas as required with particular reference to looking at the record of complaints (Regulation 33 (4))
6. Ensure the information in the home's Statement of Purpose is up to date (Regulation 5)

All these requirements have now been met.

Regulation 33 Visits

23 Vivian Avenue

Concerns

Re health assessments on young person overdue – work being undertaken to review process in relation to health assessments. Request for assessment passed to fieldwork.

Positives

Evidence of good management, support systems and relationships with young people.

9 Beckhampton Road

Concerns

Placement of one young person not utilising bed

Positives

Improvements noted in general environment since permanent Registered Manager moved in. Staff morale good.

Crocus Fields

All requirements from recent inspection now addressed.

Concerns

No personal evacuation plan on files of two young people.

Positives

Staff enthusiastic about continued plans for the development of the unit.

12a Ranskill Gardens

Concerns

Placement of one young person not utilising bed.

Some disruption being experienced due to changes in staffing.

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