

Summary Report

05 Children's Home

Children's Home Service

Liberte House 19-23 La Motte Street St Helier JE2 4SY

18 & 20 March 2024

SUMMARY OF INSPECTION FINDINGS

The following is a summary of what we found during this inspection. Further information about our findings is contained in the main body of this report.

The Statement of Purpose specifies that the aim of the service is to provide a stable and positive environment for young people and prepare them for leaving care with the appropriate skills. The results of the inspection correlate with the Statement of Purpose. The Registered Manager also confirmed that the staff teach skills such as laundry, cooking, shopping, amongst other life skills.

On the inspection days, this home had a calm, relaxed, and homely atmosphere. A member of staff was making homemade soup and menu planning for the rest of the week. The home has modern fixtures and fittings, and the lounge is used frequently. New admissions to the home are given the opportunity to decorate their bedrooms to suit their taste.

This consistent, dedicated staff team has a wealth of experience caring for children and young people. The compassionate way the staff team spoke about children and young people was evident during discussions.

The team reported that they feel supported by the Registered Manager and are encouraged to bring ideas and suggestions to their supervision sessions. The staff team also meets weekly with the Registered Manager to discuss challenges, issues and things that are working well. The staff reported that this is important due to the nature of the role and the challenges faced.

Care planning evidenced a person-centred approach and showed clear objectives and goals.

Risk assessments and safety plans were thorough and reviewed regularly by the appropriate staff.

Collaborative working between the staff team and other professionals was evidenced during the inspection.

Staff training is considered pivotal to running this service due to the potential needs of some of the children or young people residing at the home.

Notifications are submitted to the Jersey Care Commission in line with the care home standards.

There are two areas for improvement from this inspection.

IMPROVEMENT PLAN

There were two areas for improvement identified during this inspection. The table below is the Registered Provider's response to the inspection findings.

Area for Improvement 1

Ref: Standard 10.3 and Appendix 1

To be completed by:

immediately following the inspection.

The Registered Manager must ensure that children and young people and support workers know what to do if there is a fire. Fire procedures set by the States of Jersey Fire and Rescue Service must be in place and followed. Records must be kept of fire drills and equipment testing.

Response of Registered Provider:

The residential home will ensure that we have fully met Standard 10.3, a task we have already accomplished and can substantiate with evidence.

Area for Improvement 2

Ref: Standard 1.5 and Appendix 2

To be completed by: 6 months following the inspection (September 2024)

Policies and procedures based on best practice and evidence must be accessible to everyone, regularly reviewed and updated. Policies must be appropriate to the setting.

Response of Registered Provider:

The residential facility recognises the necessity for tailored policies and procedures, and the senior management team is exploring options to acquire the services of a policy writer.

The full report can be accessed from here.