

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**PEOPLE CABINET MEMBER**

**OFSTED INSPECTION OF NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE CHILDREN HOME**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1. To inform the Cabinet Member of the outcomes of the recent Ofsted inspections of a North Lincolnshire Children's Home on 28 August 2012.

**2 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 All Children's Homes are subject to annual inspections carried out by Ofsted inspectors. In April 2011, Ofsted revised their Children's Home Inspection processes and a new inspection framework was implemented. The revisions to the inspection process were intended to make inspections more focused on outcomes for children.
- 2.2 This report is to inform cabinet member of the inspection of 'G' children's home, Ofsted Registration SC033047. Ofsted carry out two inspections per year of the home. One is a 'full' inspection and the other an 'interim' inspection, both are unannounced. This inspection was the home's 'full' inspection and was carried out over 2 days ending on 28 August 2012.
- 2.6 The full inspection focuses in depth on the home and the outcomes for the children living there, the inspector makes their judgment under the following headings:
- Overall effectiveness
  - Outcomes for children and young people
  - Quality of care
  - Safeguarding children and young people
  - Leadership and management

Under each of these headings the home is judged to be:

- Outstanding
- Good
- Satisfactory
- Inadequate

- 2.7 Inspectors can make judgments as to whether requirements or recommendations are needed. A requirement is a mandatory action. A recommendation is a suggestion to improve current practice.

**3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1 The home was judged to be 'Good' overall with the following judgments:
- Outcomes for children and young people – Outstanding

- Quality of care – Good
- Safeguarding children and young people – Good
- Leadership and management - Outstanding

3.2 Comments by the inspectors included that young people in the home “make excellent progress in all aspects of their lives”. Inspectors reported that “Young people benefit from an exceptionally well-managed home and comprehensive internal monitoring processes are also in place and effectively assess the quality of care being delivered” and “Staff are clear about the aims of the home and of their responsibilities to provide high standards of care in their day-to-day professional practice”.

3.3 The inspectors comments included that “Young people clearly say they are safe and feel safe and that staff discuss with them about how to keep themselves safe” and “Young people benefit from individualised care which is reflected in excellent care plans”.

#### **4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

4.1 The inspection findings are final.

#### **5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)**

5.1 None in this report

#### **6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 - CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)**

6.1 The inspection was carried out under the statutory responsibilities given by the Care Standards Act 2000, and against the Outcomes for Children set within the Children Act 2004 and National Minimum Standards for Children’s Homes, revised April 2011

6.2 Each home completes a Statement of Purpose that ensures it takes consideration of the child’s individual needs and national standards for effective practice.

#### **7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION**

7.1 Inspectors gather evidence from a variety of sources, including a range of relevant professionals, children and staff within the homes and through the scrutiny of relevant documentation.

7.2 Observation of the children in the homes and how they relate to their carers plays an important role in the inspection process. The inspector reported that “Young people feel they are listened to, consulted and fully involved in all decision-making”.

#### **8 RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 That the Cabinet Member notes the outcome of the latest inspection of the children’s home.

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**Background Papers used in the preparation of this report**

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