
CSSIW Inspection of Crosslands Children's Home

Reasons for the Report

1. The Committee's terms of reference require that the Committee receive all relevant Children's Services inspection reports.
2. Crosslands Children's Home was inspected by the Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW) on the 8th of June 2017 and the report is attached at **Appendix A**.
3. The Committee's terms of reference require its members to ensure that the life chances of looked after children are maximised to aid their transition to a secure and productive adulthood.

Crossland's Children's Home

4. Crosslands children's home is currently the only children's home directly provided by The City of Cardiff Council.
5. All children's homes must be registered with the Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW).
6. Crosslands is registered with CSSIW to accommodate up to 6 young people aged 11 to 17 years.

The Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (CSSIW) Inspection

7. CSSIW regulate and inspect adult care, childcare and social services for people in Wales.
8. CSSIW inspectors inspect registered services to check that they provide safe care, that people's rights are being respected and their quality of life enhanced.

9. The inspection of Crossland's Children's Home was unannounced and took place on the 8th of June 2017 between 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm. The inspection employed the following methodology:
- Viewing the premises and gardens and selected records and documentation.
 - Consultation with young people, residential support staff and managers.
 - Observation of the engagement between young people and staff.
10. The report was published on the 17th July 2017.

Findings from the Inspection

11. The findings are summarised in the report as follows:

“Overall Assessment

Overall we found that overall the young people are safe, confident and engaged in constructive lifestyles and activities. They are encouraged to express themselves and to develop self-responsibility and the three young people we spoke with, said they like the staff and feel assured by the support they provide them. They enjoy placement stability; staff continuity and consistency and are encouraged to develop relationships and attachments with their carers. 'Normalisation' is promoted along with the rights of the young people to thrive and feel valued.

The premises provide well for their purpose; there are a sufficient number of skilled and experienced staff and the arrangements for the management and leadership of the home are robust.

Improvements

Consultation with staff and managers indicate that improvements have been made in relation to key working practices and the general empowerment of young people to self-reflect and develop self-responsibility.

Requirements and recommendations

No areas of noncompliance were identified and no recommendations are made for improvement.”

12. Details are provided in the full report attached as Appendix A.

Financial Implications

13. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Legal Implications

14. There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATION

15. The Committee is recommended to:

16. Note the information contained in the report and make any observations or comments.

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Director of Social Services

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Appendix A: CSSIW Inspection report on Crosslands children’s home Cardiff; published 17 July 2017.