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CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE

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CARE INSPECTORATE INSPECTION OF BRAMBLE COTTAGES CARE HOME SERVICE

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Bramble Cottages Care Home Service was inspected on 22 September 2017, the findings of which were reported to Committee (Report No 66/18). This report provides an update to members on the follow up inspection which took place on 14 March 2018.

2. SUMMARY OF INSPECTION OUTCOME

- 2.1 This inspection focussed on assessing the progress made towards addressing the requirements made at the last inspection. This inspection did not review the grades for the service.

3. INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS REVIEWED

Four requirements were previously issued in respect of the service:

- 3.1 Requirement 1 – In order to make sure that the health, safety, and wellbeing of young people is consistently supported, the service provider must ensure that, at all times, there are sufficient suitably qualified and competent persons working in the care service. Timescale: 31 October 2017.
- 3.2 Update – Met within timescales. Inspection noted that the house that was open (Logan) was fully staffed at all times. A recruitment drive had been undertaken and the availability of sessional staff was to increase. A new rota was in place to ensure there was enough time for handovers and completion of written tasks.
- 3.3 Requirement 2 – The service provider should keep a record of the assessment that identifies the minimum staffing levels and deployment of staff on each shift over a four-week period. This will take into account aggregated information about the age and stage of development of the young people living there, the mix of ages, the layout of the building, the support needs of each young person, the skills and experience of the staff, and any additional information which may affect the staffing needs, over and above the minimum requirement. Timescale: 31 October 2017.
- 3.4 Update – Met within timescales. A comprehensive assessment of staffing requirement had been completed and this record had been used to increase staffing levels appropriately particularly when needed to support the admission of a new resident.
- 3.5 Requirement 3 – In order to promote the health, safety, and wellbeing of young people, the service provider must implement an admissions policy which includes an assessment of suitability of the placement for the young person, as well as considering the impact of new admissions on young people who are already living in the service. Timescale: 30 November 2017.
- 3.6 Update – Met within timescales. A comprehensive admissions policy had been developed to support planned and unplanned admission and to promote best practice in relation to discharges from the service.

- 3.7 Requirement 4 – The service provider must review the provision of education to young people in Bramble Cottages and ensure that each receives sufficient educational input and support to enable them to achieve their academic potential. Timescale: 30 November 2017.
- 3.8 Update – Met within timescales. The external manager had reviewed all young person's education plans with the senior educational psychologist and all the young people, other than a new admission, were in full time education placements with some having made significant progress in gaining national qualifications.

4.0 CONCLUSION

All requirements were met within the timescales and the Care Inspectorate have accepted the actions taken.

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