

ANGUS COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE 01 JUNE 2023

CARE INSPECTORATE INSPECTION – LOGAN COTTAGE

BACKGROUND

As a minimum, the Care Inspectorate conduct annual unannounced inspections for registered services, that is care homes for older people; care homes for adults; care homes for children and young people; support services – care at home and secure accommodation. All other services such as pre-school centres receive a minimum frequency of inspection based on an intelligence-led risk assessment and previous performance.

The inspector evaluates registered services using a framework of quality themes linked to the National Care Standards:

- Quality of Care and Support
- Quality of Environment
- Quality of Staffing
- Quality of Management and Leadership

This report provides information to members regarding an unannounced inspection of Logan Cottage children's care home, which took place on 5 and 6 January 2023. The inspection report was completed on 16 January 2023 and can be found online at:

<https://www.careinspectorate.com/berengCareservices/html/reports/getPdfBlob.php?id=314424>

SUMMARY OF INSPECTION OUTCOME

How well do we support children and young people's wellbeing?

Logan Cottage was evaluated against the above key question and awarded a grading of 3 (Adequate), where some strengths were found, but these just outweighed weaknesses. Areas highlighted were:

- The service championed continuing care, and young people's rights to access this.
- Staffing levels had been a challenge, at times this had impacted on young people
- The service used restrictive practices (sanctions), in unplanned ways which did not support the least restrictive method.
- The service had not yet provided trauma training to their staff team.
- The service took swift and appropriate action when a gap was found in their medication quality assurance processes for one young person.
- The service showed strengths in gaining young people's views these weren't always reflected within care plans.
- Young people were encouraged and supported to attend education and clubs.
- Young people had access to appropriate advocacy.

REQUIREMENTS

There were two requirements issued in respect of the service. These were:

1. By 30th April 2023, the provider must ensure incidents involving restrictive practice are reviewed thoroughly and training is given to support trauma informed approach.
2. By 30th April 2023, the provider must ensure that they support a safe environment for young people and staff the service should ensure the correct numbers, experience, and skills mix are working within the service at all times.

RECOMMENDATION

There was one identified area for improvement:

- To support the young people's wellbeing, outcomes and choice the service should review their care planning processes.

NEXT STEPS

The service developed improvements and an action plan to address the requirements and recommendation by the 30 April 2023, as instructed by the Care Inspectorate.

INSPECTION EVALUATION

In evaluating quality, the Care Inspectorate use a six-point scale where 1 is unsatisfactory and 6 is excellent:

How well do we support children and young people's wellbeing?	3 – Adequate
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