

16 September 2013**Agenda Item: 7****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE
CHILDREN'S HOMES IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE****Purpose of the Report**

1. To update members of the Corporate Parenting Sub-Committee on Nottinghamshire's Children's Homes and their Ofsted inspection ratings.

Information and Advice

2. There are six residential children's homes offering a range of services and support for children and young people in Nottinghamshire between the ages of 12 - 18 years. All of the homes have very positive Ofsted inspection reports. The homes portfolio consists of three homes for children who are unable to live at home or within a foster family, who present with complicated life histories and challenging behaviours, and three homes for children with disabilities. The children and young people who come to live in these homes often have a very poor school attendance, complicated issues of poor self esteem and experiences of neglect and abuse, and have difficulties in trusting and forming positive attachments to adults. Some of the young people also have some degree of learning disability, and exhibit self injurious behaviours.
3. **Lyndene** is a three bed home, situated in Edwinstowe, and has recently been inspected by Ofsted, receiving a rating of *Good* and *making good progress*.
4. **Oakhurst** is a four bed home near High Oakham School in Mansfield, and also has an Ofsted rating of *Good* and *making good progress*.
5. **West View** is also a four bed home, situated in Pleasley, and is currently rated as *Good* and *making good progress* by Ofsted.
6. The three children's disability homes provide short breaks and residential living accommodation for children and young people with severe learning disabilities and challenging behaviours, with one home providing short breaks and living accommodation for children and young people with physical disabilities and complex health needs.
7. **Minster View** in Southwell, provides living accommodation for six young people, and provides a short breaks service to approximately 32 families with six short breaks beds. Most of the young people at Minster View are severely

autistic and present with very challenging behaviours, each with an individualised behaviour management and support care plan. Minster View has had an Ofsted rating of *Outstanding* since 2007.

8. **The Big House** in Edwinstowe offers eight beds for short breaks to approximately 44 families, with the same profiles as Minster View, and has an Ofsted rating of *Adequate* and *making good progress*. Both homes also offer support to families within their own homes where possible, advising on behaviour management and sleep routines.
9. **Caudwell House**, also in Southwell, is a 12 bed home, providing six residential beds, and 10 for short breaks. The children and young people who come to Caudwell House have profound physical disabilities, many with a health condition impacting on their life expectancy. Caudwell also has an Ofsted rating of *Outstanding* with *making good progress*.
10. All of the six homes have been judged to be providing a high standard of safeguarding and safe care, with robust care and support plans addressing education, health, leisure and integration or rehabilitation home where it is safe to do so.

Other Options Considered

11. The report is for noting only.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

12. The report is for noting only.

Statutory and Policy Implications

13. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the update on Nottinghamshire's Children's Homes and their Ofsted inspection ratings be noted.

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Constitutional Comments

14. As this report is for noting only no Constitutional Comments are required.
Financial Comments (KLA 29/08/13)

15. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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