

ANGUS COUNCIL

FAMILY, EDUCATION AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE – 30 MAY 2024

SUMMARY OF CARE INSPECTORATE INSPECTION OF LOGAN COTTAGES

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ABSTRACT

This report provides a summary to members of the Family, Education and Justice Committee of the inspection of Logan Cottages which was completed on 5 March 2024 by the Care Inspectorate.

1. ALIGNMENT TO THE COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICIES

1.1 This report contributes to outcomes across a range of strategic plans:

The Angus Community Plan 2022-30:

- Provide the best start in life for children
- Improve physical and mental health and wellbeing
- Create more opportunities for people to live well and achieve their personal goals

The Council Plan 2023-2028:

- When children cannot safely live at home, keep our children local in Angus, providing for their education and family needs.

The Tayside Plan for Children, Young People and Families 2021-23

- Our children having the best start in life in a nurturing environment
- Our children growing up healthy, confident, and resilient with improving physical and mental health and strengthened emotional wellbeing

Angus Promise Plan (Corporate Parenting Strategy):

- Keeping children and young people within their local communities where that meets their needs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. It is recommended that the Family, Education and Justice Committee:

- (i) Gives consideration to the areas of strength identified within the inspection reports; and
- (ii) Gives consideration to the expression of confidence in the service's capacity to improve.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 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.

3.2 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

3.3 This report provides information to members regarding an unannounced inspection of Logan Cottages children's care home, which took place on 27 and 28 February 2024. The inspection report was completed on 5 March 2024 and can be found online at:

<https://careinspectorate.com/berengCareservices/html/reports/getPdfBlob.php?id=318756>

4. CURRENT POSITION

4.1 Logan Cottages was evaluated against key question 7 "How well do we support children and young people's rights and wellbeing?". This is divided into two quality indicators:

7.1 Children and young people are safe, feel loved and get the most out of life

7.2 Leaders and staff have the capacity and resources to meet and champion children and young people's needs and rights.

4.2 The Care Inspectorate use a six-point scale where 1 is unsatisfactory and 6 is excellent. Logan Cottages was awarded a grading of 4 (good) for both quality indicators, where several strengths impacted positively on outcomes for children/people and clearly outweighed the areas for improvement. The previous inspection made two requirements and one area for improvement. These were met in full.

4.3 Areas highlighted from the inspection were:

- Most young people were experiencing consistently positive relationships.
- Children and young people were kept safe.
- A trauma informed approach was developing and use of restrictive practice had reduced.
- Children and young people contributed to their care planning.
- Staff felt well supported by management.
- Children and young people's relationships with family and friends were actively promoted.

4.4 There were no requirements made. There was one area for improvement made:

- To ensure consistency of outcomes for children and young people the service should continue to develop its trauma informed model of care.

4.5 As next steps, the service developed an action plan to address the area for improvement by 12 April 2024 as directed by the Care Inspectorate.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The service commitment to continue to embed our trauma informed approach is reflected in the Children, Families & Justice Learning and Development Plan, therefore there are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

There is no requirement for any addition to the Corporate Risk Register.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct environmental implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

8. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT, HUMAN RIGHTS AND FAIRER SCOTLAND DUTY

An Equality Impact Assessment has not been carried out, as this report is for information only.

9. CONSULTATION (IF APPLICABLE)

The relevant members of the Council's Leadership Team have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

NOTE: No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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