

Vinney Green Secure Unit

Statement of Purpose



The unit is licensed for operation by Ofsted and it contracts with the Youth Justice Board to provide placements for young people. It is subject to regular inspection by a range of government and local authority approved officials, to ensure the highest standards are maintained at all times. The unit is managed by South Gloucestershire Council's Department for Children, Adults and Health, the Director of which is Peter Murphy. Ali Sykes is the Registered Manager of the unit.

In our last Ofsted inspection on 12th January 2016 the unit achieved GOOD overall. The full report including specific sections rated is available on request.

Please Note: *Numbering is in line with Regulation 16 Schedule 1 of The Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015*

2. **Vinney Green's ethos and the outcomes we strive to achieve**

The young people held within the Secure Unit are likely to be amongst the most troubled and troublesome in the country. Vinney Green Secure Unit operates within a strong value base that places the needs of young people at the centre of what it does.

Vinney Green has the following aims:

- To ensure that each young person is legally and appropriately detained in Vinney Green.
- To ensure that each young person receives a good standard of physical and mental health care and can live a healthy lifestyle which reflects their personal needs and cultural background.
- To ensure young people are safe from harm and neglect.
- To work with young people and their families to lessen (minimise) the danger to themselves and others.
- To build a positive working relationship with young people, with the intention of successful reintegration into their communities, and prepare them to behave in a socially responsible manner.
- To employ a well trained and experienced staff group who will demonstrate pro-social behaviour with the young people.
- To achieve a detailed assessment of the young person including health, education, offending behaviour and emotional wellbeing.
- To actively pursue the development, personal growth and maturity of each young person by encouraging self- confidence, self-esteem and independence.
- To work with young people to reduce or eradicate offending behaviour.
- To work with young people to enhance their ability to maintain self-control.
- To create an environment (both in and out of school) in which learning and the pursuit of knowledge and skills becomes central to the needs of the young person.
- To ensure that for each young person there is a clear plan which includes the individual's contribution to preparing and developing the plan.
- To work with young people in promoting anti-racist and anti-discriminatory attitudes and to ensure that all young people from minority ethnic groups have their personal and cultural needs identified and met.
- To discharge the legal requirements and duties set down in law, contract and statutory guidance in the conduct of the unit's business.

Each young person participates in enriched activities as per the YJB specification in addition to non-enriched supervised activities.

Health

14. Health care provided

- a. The health services at Vinney Green are commissioned by NHS England. They are responsible for medical governance and the professional qualifications of staff providing healthcare or therapy. Contracts have been commissioned by NHS England with a local GP Service and Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership (AWP).
- b. Each young person will be given a medical examination within 1 – 2 hours of admission. This is to ensure that the person is in good health or that any medical problems are treated and any necessary medication is prescribed. There is a nurse who attends the unit daily as well as being on call in the evenings and weekends. The nurse advises young people and staff caring for them about health related matters.

All young people are temporary registered at the local health centre where there is a doctor on call for emergencies, and who attends the Unit on a weekly basis.

The Mental Health aspects of the young person's care are addressed by a multi-disciplinary team which includes psychiatry, psychology, a registered mental health nurse (non-medical prescriber), health care assistants and substance misuse worker. Their work is focused upon the mental and emotional wellbeing of the young people residing in the home. The team use appropriate standardised assessment tools in order to support case management and assessment of intervention outcomes within the home. We also provide a full programme of trauma informed intervention and consultancy, which includes stabilisation, psycho education and general support. This work is evidence based and sits at the forefront of current developments in the psychological care of accommodated children and young people. There are regular meetings with NHS England Managers and lead professionals to assess the effectiveness of the Health Care provision. Effectiveness is measured via individual outcomes for Young People.

Positive Relationships

15. Promoting Contact

Frequent contact with parents and other significant people in the lives of the young people is actively encouraged by the Secure Unit. Regular visits are considered to be in the best interests of the young person and can be agreed with 24 hours notice. As far as possible, visits should not interfere with the daily routine of education and other activities.