



**REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEE ON
13 FEBRUARY 2019**

SUBJECT: INSPECTION OF MORAY SUPPORTED LODGINGS PROJECT

**BY: ACTING CORPORATE DIRECTOR (EDUCATION AND SOCIAL
CARE)**

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To invite the Committee to scrutinise and note the inspection of Moray's Supported Lodgings Project by the Care Inspectorate which was completed on 1 October 2018.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section III D (2) of the Council's Scheme of Administration relating to exercising functions of the Council as Social Work Authority within the terms of relevant legislation relating to young people leaving care.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **It is recommended that Committee scrutinise and note the content of the inspection report into the Moray Supported Lodgings Service.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Moray Supported Lodgings Service provides an Adult Placement Service to young adults in the Moray area who have been Looked After Children. The service has been registered with the Care Commission since September 2007 and transferred registration to the Care Inspectorate on 1 April 2011.
- 3.2 Moray Supported Lodgings Service was last inspected in September 2017. Given areas for improvement within placement services as a whole, of which the Supported Lodgings Project is part, the Care Inspectorate requested an update report on the evaluation of the impact of the change management plan on service users and staff. That update report was considered by Committee on 27 June 2018 (Paragraph 16 of the minute refers).
- 3.3 A brief summary of the current inspection report is provided at **APPENDIX 1** to this report. The full inspection report is available on the Care Inspectorate website via the link <http://www.careinspectorate.com>.
- 3.4 In the Moray Supported Lodgings Project the roles are identified as follows: -

- Adult Placement Carers are known as ‘Supported Lodgings Providers’, these are the service users supported by the Adult Placement Service which is Moray Supported Lodgings Project. The Supported Lodgings Providers are recruited and approved, following detailed assessment processes, by the Moray Supported Lodgings Project. They provide support and care in their own homes to young people who have been looked after children. Supported Lodgings Providers are self-employed.
- Adults in placement are the young people receiving the support from the Supported Lodging Providers.
- The Adult Placement Worker is known as the ‘Supported Lodgings Link Worker’.

3.5 The aims and objectives of the service are to help young people currently aged 16 - 21 move from a care setting into a supportive environment to help them prepare to live independently in the community.

3.6 Inspectors reported on the following quality indicators and the evaluation for the Moray Project is as follows: -

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| • Quality of Care and Support | Grade 5 | Very Good* |
| • Quality of Staffing | | Not assessed |
| • Quality of Management and Leadership | Grade 5 | Very Good |

*Inspectors report on these quality indicators using a six point scale on which very good reflects there are major strengths.

3.7 There were no requirements or recommendations identified within the report.

3.8 The areas for improvement focus on continuing to: -

- Monitor annual reviews to ensure these are being carried out within timescales.
- Monitor that providers receive information prior to placements being made.
- Consider all information about placements before they start to ensure risks identified are supported and managed.
- Look at how employment and further education opportunities are developed.

4. **SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

(a) **Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP))**

This report relates to the following within the Corporate Plan 2018-2023:

Where life is better for everyone.

Provide a sustainable education service aiming for excellence.

The vision being that our children have better educational and social outcomes and so are better prepared for life.

Improved outcomes for those most in need of support.

Our most vulnerable young people and families are safe and nurtured.

Public and staff have confidence in all services we provide for children.

And within the Moray – 10 year Plan – LOIP.

Building a better future for our children and young people in Moray.
Raising aspirations – building a better future for children and young people in Moray.

The outcomes being that children and young people thrive; have a voice; learn; can get about; have a home; feel secure, healthy, nurtured to be supported to reach their full potential.

(b) Policy and Legal

The Council has responsibilities to children in need and at risk through The Looked After Children (Scotland) Regulations 2009; the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 and the Children and Young People's (Scotland) Act 2014.

(c) Financial implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

(d) Risk Implications

There are no risk implications associated with this report.

(e) Staffing Implications

There are no direct staffing implications associated with this report.

(f) Property

There are no direct property implications associated with this report.

(g) Equalities/Socio Economic Impact

There are no direct equalities issues associated with this report.

(h) Consultations

Senior Officers within Education and Social Care, Senior Human Resources Adviser, Paul Connor, Principal Accountant, Margaret Forrest, Legal Services Manager (Litigation and Licensing), Carole Carthew, Team Manager, Tracey Sutherland, Committee Services Officer and the Equal Opportunities Officer have been consulted in the preparation of this report and are in agreement with the content relating to their areas of responsibility.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 Consistent with previous inspections of this service, this inspection report advises that the Moray Supported Lodgings Project continues to provide a very good service to the Supported Lodgings Providers and to the young people in placement who benefit from this support.

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Background Papers:

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