

Today's Tomorrow Ltd - River Cottage Care Home Service

Bridge of Weir

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Today's Tomorrow Ltd

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About the service

Today's Tomorrow Ltd is an independent provider of residential and educational services for children and young people. The house provides support for up to four young people. At the time of this inspection there were three young people living in the house.

River Cottage is situated within the quiet residential setting of Quarrier's Village near Bridge of Weir. Young people have their own ensuite or private bathroom, the house has a spacious kitchen, lounge and second living space including a dining table. Within the house there is also a classroom where young people can attend school. River Cottage has secure private garden facilities.

About the inspection

This was an unannounced inspection which took place on 27 October between the hours of 2.15pm and 7.15pm & 28 October between 10.40am and 6.15pm 2025. The inspection was carried out by two inspectors from the Care Inspectorate. One inspector was shadowing the inspection process. To prepare for the inspection we reviewed information about this service. This included previous inspection findings, registration information, information submitted by the service and intelligence gathered since the last inspection. In making our evaluations of the service we:

- Spoke with three children and young people
- Spoke with seven members of staff and management
- Observed practice and daily life
- Reviewed documents
- Received feedback from visiting professionals.

Key messages

- Managers and staff worked hard to promote young people's wellbeing.
- Fun and play featured strongly in young people's care and support.
- There was a need to improve collaborative partnership working.
- Education was the norm for all young people.
- Some strategies for reducing risk could be improved.
- Young people felt that adults listened to their views.

From this inspection we evaluated this service as:

In evaluating quality, we use a six point scale where 1 is unsatisfactory and 6 is excellent

How well do we support children and young people's rights and wellbeing?	4 - Good
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Further details on the particular areas inspected are provided at the end of this report.

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4 - Good

We evaluated this key question as good, where several strengths impacted positively on outcomes for children and young people and clearly outweighed areas for improvement.

Managers and staff worked hard to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people, living in River Cottage and through careful observations of interactions between young people, they were kept safe. Where the involvement of partners had been important in providing oversight of the protection of young people, the provider had ensured good communication and effective responses to young people's care and safety needs.

Whilst collaborating with partners, was generally the routine practice of the provider, and survey responses from partners were very positive about working together, there were times where this was inconsistent. We highlighted that full awareness of decision making, relating to young people's wider care plans was essential, and that limited involvement had the potential to increase the likelihood of risk to young people's needs being met. So we asked the provider to ensure that in all instances, they create the expectation of good communication from placing authorities and that the provider pro actively seeks information, to help inform young people's care and support. This has been identified as an area for improvement. (see area for improvement 1)

Staff were compassionate and they spoke warmly of the strengths of all young people and there was strong evidence of nurturing practices, that enabled young people to achieve good outcomes. There were times where young people placed themselves at risk in the community. We asked the provider to improve upon their strategies for reducing risk and we have identified this as an area for improvement. (see area for improvement 2)

All young people had support from an independent advocate and for young people living away from their families, this was an important component of their support. Some young people met with their advocacy worker in school and all young people attended school for their education. We spoke with young people during the inspection visit, and they told us that they liked the staff who supported them and said that they felt able to speak with members of staff if they had a concern. The quality of relationships between young people and staff, was very evident during our visit. Imaginative play was a routine occurrence for younger children, who enjoyed treasure hunts and visits to the play park. More structured activity included participating at local youth organisations, where they could learn new skills and socialise with other young people.

Family connections were important to young people and plans to spend time with parents and extended family members, was fully supported by the provider. Equally important to young people, was that their views and wishes were listened to by all involved in their current and future care plans. There was clear evidence to confirm young people were central to decisions affecting their care, through personal plans and through their contributions to meetings regarding their care.

Areas for improvement

1.

To ensure that care and support is provided in line with agreed decisions, the provider should actively participate in meetings where such decisions are taken, and where these influence how daily care is provided.

This is to ensure that care and support is consistent with Health and Social Care Standards, which state, 'If I am supported and cared for by a team or more than one organisation, this is well co-ordinated so that I experience consistency and continuity' (HSCS, 4.18)

2. To ensure that that where young people are at risk in the community, the provider should implement supportive strategies to help reduce any risk.

This is to ensure that care and support is consistent with Health and Social Care Standards, which state, 'My care and support is provided in a planned and safe way, including if there is an emergency or unexpected event'. (HSCS, 4.14)

Complaints

There have been no complaints upheld since the last inspection. Details of any older upheld complaints are published at www.careinspectorate.com.

Detailed evaluations

How well do we support children and young people's rights and wellbeing?	4 - Good
7.1 Children and young people are safe, feel loved and get the most out of life	4 - Good

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