



**REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEE ON
2 MARCH 2016**

SUBJECT: INSPECTION OF MORAY SUPPORTED LODGINGS PROJECT

BY: CORORATE DIRECTOR (EDUCATION AND SOCIAL CARE)

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to invite the Committee to scrutinise and note the inspection of Moray's Supported Lodgings Project by the Care Inspectorate which was completed on 19 October 2015.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section III C (6) of the Council's Scheme of Administration relating to exercising the functions of the Council within the terms of relevant legislation with regard to adult support.

2. RECOMMENDATION

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

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The 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 October 2015. A brief summary of the inspection report is provided at **APPENDIX 1** to this report.
- 3.3 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'.
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 Supported lodging providers have a distinct role where they provide the opportunity for the young people to live in a safe, caring, homely environment and provide support, advice and guidance to enable the young people to live independently.
- 3.6 Inspectors carry out a low intensity inspection when they are satisfied that services are working hard to provide consistently high standards of care; this was a short notice low intensity inspection carried out between 7 and 19 October 2015.
- 3.7 Inspectors reported on the following quality indicators and the evaluation for the Moray Project are as follows: -
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| • Quality of Care and Support | Grade 5 | Very Good* |
| • Quality of Staffing | Grade 5 | Very Good |
| • 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.
- 3.8 The full inspection report is available on the Care Inspectorate website via the below link which details the service strengths and areas for improvement identified during the Inspection.
<http://www.careinspectorate.com/>
- 3.9 There were no requirements or recommendations identified within the report. However the Supported Lodgings Project and the Authority will address together the areas for improvement suggested within the Inspection report.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Moray 2013: A Plan for the Future/ Service Plan

This subject links to the Moray 2023 plan – More ambitious and confident children and young people able to fulfil their potential.

It is also linked to the Corporate Priority – More of our children have a better start to life and are ready to succeed.

- (b) Policy and Legal**
There are no direct policy or legal implications associated with this report.
- (c) Financial implications**
There are no specific financial implications associated with this report.
- (d) Risk Implications**
There are no specific risk implications associated with this report.
- (e) Staffing Implications**
There are no specific staffing implications associated with this report.
- (f) Property**
There are no specific property implications associated with this report.
- (g) Equalities**
There are no issues in this case.
- (h) Consultations**
Deborah Brands, Principal Accountant, Margaret Forrest, Legal Services Manager (Litigation & Licensing), Don Toonen (Equal Opportunities Officer), Katrina McGillivray, Senior Personnel Advisor and Caroline Howie, Committee Services 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 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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