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**REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES COMMITTEE ON  
25 JANUARY 2017**

**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 28 October 2016.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section III C (2) of the Council's Scheme of Administration relating to exercising the functions of the Council as Social Work Authority within the terms of relevant legislation with regard 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 October 2016. A brief summary of the 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/>
- 3.3 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 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.

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

#### 4. **SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

**(a) Moray 2026: A Plan for the Future and Moray Corporate Plan 2015 – 2017**

This subject links to Moray 2026 Priority 3 – Ambitious and confident young people - improving the life chances of children by supporting them, and their families, at the earliest possible stages and as required thereafter, to give all children in Moray the best possible opportunities to achieve 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**

Corporate Director, (Education and Social Care); Head of Integrated Children's Services; Head of Schools and Curriculum Development; Head of Lifelong Learning, Culture and Sport; Katrina McGillivray Senior Human Resources Advisor; Deborah Brands, Principal Accountant; Payments Manager; Equal Opportunities Officer; Margaret Forrest, Legal Services Manager (Litigation and Licensing), 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 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:

Ref:

**APPENDIX 1**

**Moray Supported Lodging Service**

From the previous inspection which concluded on 19 October 2015 there were no requirements or recommendations.

The following reflects a summary of the inspection that concluded on 28 October 2016.

**What the service does well**

- The social worker responsible for the day-to-day delivery of the service continues to provide very good support to all providers. Supported lodgings providers confirmed this when they met with the Inspector.
- Supported lodgings providers are very experienced and very skilled at the work they carry out.
- Training carried out is done in conjunction with training being carried out with foster carers.
- The quality assurance systems in place provided additional assurance that the needs of the young people in supported accommodation were being assessed.

**What the service could do better**

- Training for supported lodging providers needs to continue to be reviewed and provided when required.
- The service should continue to hold annual reviews within the timescale and continue to identify reasons for delay.

**Conclusion**

The Inspection found that the Moray Supported Lodgings Project continues to provide a very good service.

**Requirements**

Number of requirements: 0

**Recommendations**

Number of recommendations: 0

**Complaints**

Number of complaints: 0

## Evaluations

### Evaluations at October 2016

Quality of Care and Support	5 – Very Good
Quality of Staffing	5 – Very Good
Quality of Management and Leadership	5 – Very Good

### Evaluations at October 2015

Quality of Care and Support	5 – Very Good
Quality of Staffing	5 – Very Good
Quality of Management and Leadership	5 – Very Good

### Evaluations at October 2014

Quality of Care and Support	5 – Very Good
Quality of Staffing	5 – Very Good
Quality of Management and Leadership	5 – Very Good

### Evaluations at March 2014

Quality of Care and Support	5 – Very Good
Quality of Staffing	5 – Very Good
Quality of Management and Leadership	5 – Very Good

### Evaluations at February 2013

Quality of Care and Support	5 – Very Good
Quality of Staffing	5 – Very Good
Quality of Management and Leadership	5 – Very Good

### Evaluations at January 2011

Quality of Care and Support	5 – Very Good
Quality of Staffing	Not assessed
Quality of Management and Leadership	Not assessed

### Evaluations at January 2010

Quality of Care and Support	5 – Very Good
Quality of Staffing	5 – Very Good
Quality of Management and Leadership	Not assessed

### Evaluations at March 2009

Quality of Care and Support	5 – Very Good
Quality of Staffing	4 – Good
Quality of Management and Leadership	4 – Good

### Authority Commentary

As in previous Inspections this is a positive report which reflects knowledge and commitment of all involved in the delivery of this service; this continues to be a very good service.