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**Commission For Social Care Inspection
Care Standards Act 2000/Children Act 1989**

Name of Home: Sunfield

Date of Visit: 17th October 2006 Time of Visit: 11:15 am

Dear Professor

I am writing following the above inspection.

The reason for this inspection was a routine unannounced inspection.

The inspection visit took place over a three-hour period and the outcome is as follows:

Both registered managers were met at the beginning and end of the inspection visit. A manager's self-assessment and questionnaire was completed after the site visit took place. Questionnaires were also circulated to parents and carers, placing social workers and students who could participate in this process.

Two of the houses Elms and Beech were visited. In both houses the representatives of the senior management group including the acting team manager and assistant manager were met respectively. The Elms house accommodates 7 young people and Beech accommodates 8 young people. The inspector met children and young people from the Beech

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House and shared the lunchtime meal. Informal discussions were held with the residential staff that accompanied the young people from the Beech House.

Staying Safe.

Standard 26

Sunfield has a designated Health and Safety Officer. Good attention is given to all aspects of safety. Compliance with legislation and clear operational guidance is available. Staff are trained during induction and periodical updates are being organised. All staff are reminded of their areas of responsibility and duties. Sunfield has a designated health and safety committee with a specific remit to examine all issues connected to the care practice field and operational practices across Sunfield as a whole.

Risk assessments for young people were checked. These were clearly documented and easy to understand. Senior staff ensure a process of review follows a process of monitoring. The fire safety checks were examined and now comply with the expected levels of at least four fire drills, including evacuation of staff and children from the building and fire drills at night are taking place in a 12-month period. The homes were seen to be taking all the required precautions to protect against risks from fire and other hazards.

Judgement:

Sunfield continues to take all the required steps to keep children and young people safe, and the outcomes for these standards were good.

Management:

Standard 29.

Discussions with both registered managers indicated that Sunfield have reconsidered its quality assurance. This now corresponds with the outcomes indicator identified in 'Every Child Matters' white paper. The Commission was supplied with a copy of the integrated quality assurance system. Sunfield have identified the areas of strengths and structures that are in place for what is already accomplished. In equal measure evidence was available of further areas of development. Information is being disseminated across the different departments, encouraging

individual departments to broaden their planning process. The quality assurance tools will evaluate performance during each academic term both in the residential and education provision. This will then form one annual report on the quality of care and what improvement can be made.

Judgement: Sunfield remains committed to developing a quality assurance system providing feedback to stakeholders and the Commission to show commitment to continual service improvement.

No Requirements have been made as a result of this inspection and likewise no good practice recommendations. The one requirement issued at the previous inspection has been met.

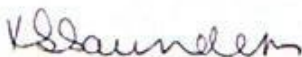
Requirements				
No	Standard	Regulation	Required Action	Timescale for action

Recommendations		
No	Standard	Good Practice Recommendations

Reference to this inspection will also be contained within the next inspection report.

This letter will not be published but will be made available on request to members of the public or other enquirers.

Yours sincerely



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