



Gatehouse

Rated '5 - Very Good' by the Care Inspectorate, Gatehouse is situated in a semi-rural location within a village in East Ayrshire. The children's home provides a therapeutic, family environment for five children and young people aged between 8 to 18 years. The service offers enhanced support and tailored therapy, with identified assessed needs for individuals who have presented as high risk, exceptionally vulnerable or in need of greater protection.

The children's home has a range of spacious communal areas and a large garden to the rear of the property, with an allotment area.



Supporting the needs of the young people

At Gatehouse, we support children and young people with trauma and adverse childhood experiences, as well as additional support needs. This includes an autistic spectrum disorder (ASD), pathological demand avoidance (PDA), social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs and child sexual exploitation (CSE).

We promote an ethos of safety and wellbeing for all children, young people and staff. The principles of GIRFEC are at the core of the work used to promote boundaries and safe care, used to establish a safe and secure environment. Within a 24-hour waking service, the availability of 1:1 and 2:1 support is viewed as crucial to supporting the previous work of other professionals and in securing positive transitions.

Young people supported at Gatehouse have access to specialist education services provided by Radio City School, which is part of Aspris Children's Services. We also have strong links with other local mainstream and specialist external education provisions.



Providing best practice

Our team at Gatehouse has a wide range of experience and expertise in working with individuals, who require enhanced support.

Staff are mindful of the backgrounds of each young person and effectively use nurturing approaches to create a truly calm and supportive ethos. Transitions from previous placements are carefully planned with full credence given to the voice of the young person. Our team are experienced and skilled in delivering specific interventions, including restorative approaches, support for substance misuse and trauma counselling.

A mentoring service for each individual is available, which is driven by a focus on challenge and opportunity in the pursuit of lasting social change. As appropriate and in keeping with the child's plan, staff work in a robust manner to provide lasting change through preventative and early interventions, continuity of care and multi-agency work.

“Young people were shown respect by the staff and manager.”

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“A detailed and well considered approach was taken to supporting the young person to maintain connections to family members and people important to them.”

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A range of activities

Gatehouse provides privacy and safety, and its grounds allow for a range of activities, including both leisure and structured engagement. The designated horticultural area, along with access to the nearby river and farmland, allows for therapeutic input via animal husbandry and work experience. Situated just a five-minute drive away from a large town, young people have access to a wide range of engaging activities and social outings. These include:

- Galleon Sports Centre
- Odeon Cinema
- Rugby Park – home to Kilmarnock FC
- Centre Stage Dance & Music Studio
- The Dick Institute – a museum, gallery and library
- Army Cadet Force
- Dean Castle Country Park
- Ten pin bowling
- Go-karting



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