

Fife, Scotland



Springfield is located within the Fife region of Scotland and is registered as a residential child care service for young people aged 12-17 years. Springfield can accommodate up to four young people with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties. The service is delivered within a detached farmhouse within a beautiful rural setting.

We chose this area in part because of the setting and also because of our strong and effective working relationship with the local authority in this area. As a result, the local authority have made several referrals and all current placements have been from the region.

The service works effectively in accordance with the principles of 'Getting it Right for Every Child' (GIRFEC) and the Safe, Healthy, Achieving, Nurtured, Active, Respected, Responsible and Included (SHANARRI) framework while ensuring that young people remain at the centre of decisions made relating to them. Springfield's approach to working with young people in relation to their experiences of trauma and impaired attachment is considered to be particularly effective in improving outcomes for them.

The house manager and the staff team have worked hard to create a homely and nurturing environment. An example of this is the creation of a memory tree, by staff and young people, which is a full wall mural which contains photos, notes of young people's achievements and descriptions of important events and activities.

Feedback from social workers, education, family members and young people using the service has been very positive and include the following statements:

“I’m really pleased with the progress my young person has made at Springfield and it’s great to see improved confidence and self-esteem on each visit” (Social worker February 2014)

“I feel safe here, the staff are nice, the rooms and garden is nice”. (Young person April 2015)

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