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# Our locations guide



A REAL AND LASTING DIFFERENCE FOR EVERYONE WE SUPPORT

# Welcome to Aspire Scotland

We are delighted to introduce you to our range of services at Aspire Scotland. Our aim is to make a difference to the lives of the children and young people that we support, working in partnership with families and local authorities to achieve the best possible outcomes.

We provide high quality care and education in safe and nurturing environments, taking full account of national standards and quality indicators. This is further emphasised by six of our children’s homes graded as either ‘5 - Very Good’ or ‘6 - Excellent’ rating during their latest inspection from the Care Inspectorate.

## Introducing our new Head of Care

Before joining Aspire Scotland, I previously held the position of Head of Care and Operations Manager for two large independent childcare providers.

My career in supporting people started over 30 years ago, initially working with both the English and Scottish Prison Services, where I was successful in obtaining a postgraduate diploma in Alcohol and Drug Studies, and was a facilitator for Counselling and Psychotherapy in Scotland (COSCA).

In 2008, working alongside the police, I was the lead counsellor for the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) in a major child abuse enquiry in Jersey. I have also worked for both statutory and private providers, using my skills in assisting both young people and adults. I am a qualified Clinical Hypnotherapist and have been a practice teacher for Paisley University.

I am delighted to be working with such a passionate and caring staff team at Aspire Scotland, and have every confidence that any child or young person placed with us will receive both specialist education and care, unparalleled anywhere else in the UK.

**Raymond Alexander**  
Head of Care  
Aspire Scotland



## The current Care Inspectorate gradings for our children’s homes

We are really proud of the quality and services provided to the young people we support at Aspire Scotland.

All of our children’s homes have improved in their gradings; this is at a time when the Care Inspectorate changed to the new Health and Care Standards.

Please see the below current and existing gradings for each of our services.



Children’s home	Care and support	Environment	Staffing	Management and leadership
<b>Balgray Cottage</b>	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good
<b>Clonmacate - New Home</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Croekwood - New Home</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Dovecote Hall Cottage</b>	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good
<b>Gatehouse/ Brownhill Cottage</b>	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good
<b>Rose Cottage</b>	Good	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good
<b>Waterside</b>	Excellent	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good
<b>Woodend Farm</b>	Excellent	Excellent	Very Good	Very Good

# Balgray Cottage

The picturesque Balgray Cottage is located on the outskirts of a village in the Garnock Valley area of North Ayrshire. The children's home provides modern and spacious accommodation for five residents aged 8-18 years. The range of communal spaces available for the young people to enjoy includes two large lounges, a dining room, kitchen and well-maintained gardens, with an outhouse.



## Supporting the needs of the young people

Aspire Scotland's psychological and assessment co-ordination services have a special prominence at Balgray Cottage. The needs addressed typically reflect social, emotional and behavioural issues, autism spectrum disorders (ASD), substance misuse and related dependency, recorded additional support needs, criminal justice intervention work and identified special needs support.

The staff ratios at Balgray Cottage reflect the needs of the young people; we can offer 1:1 and 2:1 support, as well as a 24-hour waking service. The service also has the capacity to facilitate specialist multi-agency work, including family work and therapeutic input, in keeping with the local Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).



## Providing best practice

Balgray Cottage offers residents opportunity to participate in a wide range of creative workshops. These are conducted by a team of therapeutic counsellors and are an extension to the work which Aspire Scotland has completed to date, in regards to building self-confidence and resilience. In addition, the team at Balgray Cottage offer relationship counselling through a person-centred model.

All of our staff team operate according to our mission statement and values, and are skilled in delivering healing and therapeutic techniques. These include restorative approaches, crisis counselling, addressing issues of attachment and building resilience.



## Achieving positive outcomes

One of our residents at Balgray Cottage enjoys part-time work at our Galaxy Café, and works with our Cafe Manager in providing event planning for our Galaxy franchises. Four other residents are achieving a range of positive outcomes and enjoying the stability and family environment provided at the cottage, after a turbulent placement history.

## A range of activities

The extensive grounds and outbuildings allow for a host of flexible approaches to be undertaken in supporting children and young people to gain a better understanding of their true potential.

Our community campus at Radio City is also only a short walk away and provides young people with exceptional fitness and dining facilities, where they can interact with the local community. Other activities in the local area include:

- Water sports at Castle Semple
- Beach walks and ferry trips to Millport and Arran
- Camping and barbeques
- Bike rides around the local cycle paths
- Extensive grounds surrounding Balgray Cottage where otters, deer and other wildlife can be found
- Horse riding activities
- Historical visits to Burns Cottage and Culzean Castle
- Swimming, trampoline and dry slope skiing
- Scouts clubs
- Boxing club in Glengarnock
- Biking in Millport
- Football clubs in Largs
- Music and singing groups or individual tuition in Stevenston Youth Hub

Care Inspectorate review for Balgray Cottage:



From this inspection we graded this service as:

Quality of care and support	5 - Very Good
Quality of environment	5 - Very Good
Quality of staffing	Not Assessed
Quality of management and leadership	5 - Very Good

**“We spoke with two relatives of young people. They both spoke positively about the service. One relative advised they had noticed a massive positive change in their young person’s behaviour, and that he had formed really good relationships with staff.”**

Care Inspectorate

**“Moving there is the best thing that’s happened to him.”**

Parent of a resident

# Brownhill Cottage

Located in a quiet and rural environment within South Ayrshire, Brownhill Cottage offers a single placement. The children's home supports one child or young person aged 8-18 years with complex needs, who presents as high risk, is exceptionally vulnerable, and is in need of greater protection.

The range of communal spaces available for the young person to enjoy includes a large lounge, kitchen and well-maintained gardens.



## Supporting the needs of the young person

The young person at Brownhill Cottage generally has difficulties sustaining relationships and finds living in a group setting problematic. The resident may require trauma-related support and wellbeing intervention approaches, in keeping with the robust risk-management programmes. The environment, routines and strategies reflect what works best for the individual young person.

The staff ratios reflect the needs of the young person and 2:1 support is in place across the 24-hour waking service.



## Providing best practice

Our team at Brownhill Cottage have a very strong reputation in supporting individuals with complex additional support needs. 'Getting it right for every child' (GIRFEC) is central to all of the work that we do and we place importance on having clear roles and responsibilities for the young person and worker, to establish a safe and therapeutic environment. Transitions from previous placements are carefully planned and staff listen to the voice of the young person. They also ensure that all other transitions are carefully discussed and planned.



## A range of activities

Brownhill Cottage benefits from being only a short drive to several nearby towns. These locations offer a wide range of amenities and activities for a child or young person. This includes:

- The Palace Centre
- Caprington Golf Course
- Dean Castle Country Park
- Centre Stage Dance & Music Studio
- The Dick Institute - a museum, gallery and library
- The Music Box
- Go-karting and ten pin bowling
- The Ayrshire Athletics Arena
- Annanhill and Caprington Golf Courses
- Local beaches



## Achieving positive outcomes

The young people who have resided at Brownhill Cottage have enjoyed long term placements, where they have faced their significant social and emotional barriers to group integration. Our current resident expressed their contentment and progress at Brownhill Cottage through a video produced by Who Cares? Scotland.

# Clonmacate - recently opened

Clonmacate is our recently opened children's home set in a semi-rural location in South Ayrshire. The service benefits from a picturesque backdrop of green fields and nature, with panoramic views of nearby towns and beaches.

Clonmacate offers a nurturing environment to children and young people from the ages of 8-18 years. The spacious home consists of five bedrooms, four of which are en-suite, two lounges, an open plan kitchen-diner and a large decking area, with beautiful scenic views.



## Supporting the needs of the young people

Young people who have experienced failed attachment, will find sanctuary and healing within this warm and impressively furnished setting. The therapeutic surroundings close to Clonmacate, such as beaches and hill walks, also offer an engaging learning and living environment for children and young people with a diagnosis of an autistic spectrum disorder (ASD) and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

Clonmacate's vision is to provide a family environment, with routines and strategies in line with what works best for the young people. The staff ratios also reflect the needs of the young people, offering various levels of support and a 24-hour waking service.

## Providing best practice

Our staff team at Clonmacate place a strong emphasis on engaging with the children and young people, and having them identify their living situation as no ordinary care setting. We focus on possibilities rather than limitations, in order to foster empowerment and achieve positive outcomes.

## A range of activities

Our community campus and education facility is at Radio City in Kilbirnie, which is a one-hour drive away, and provides young people with exceptional fitness and dining facilities, where they can integrate with the local community.

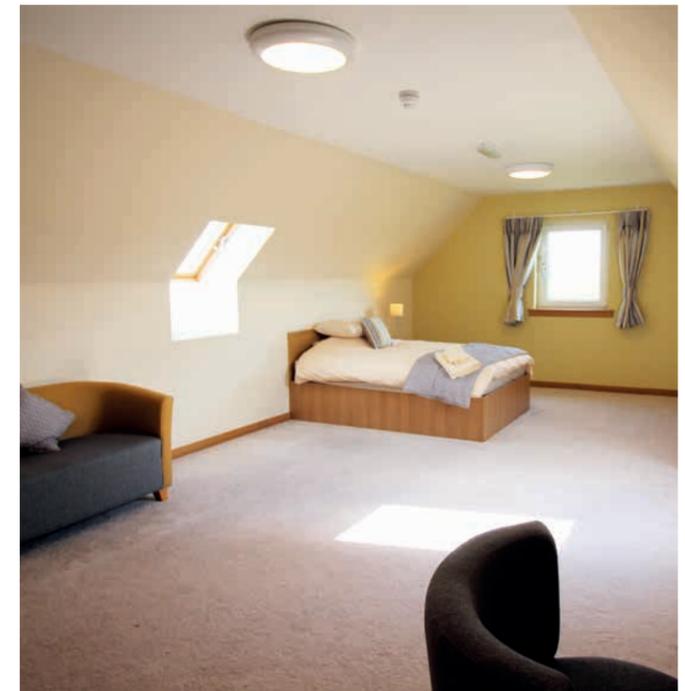
Clonmacate is close to the town centre and approximately a 10-minute drive to nearby beach towns. With good travel links including trains and buses, this allows for independent travelling, if the young person's care plan allows them to do so.

Clonmacate is in close proximity to a college, which can provide further learning opportunities to young people of school leaver age.

The accessibility to the local community offers considerable opportunities for social and peer engagement, and also educational and vocational opportunities. This supports children and young people with their choice of activities and hobbies.

Other activities in the local area include:

- A museum
- Arts and crafts centres
- Cinema
- Craig Tara Holiday Park
- A farm park
- Local beaches and park
- Local horse riding centres



# Croekwood - recently opened

Croekwood is set in a rural location on the outskirts of a village in North Ayrshire, offering a nurturing environment to children and young people aged 8-18 years. Croekwood is a spacious house with five bedrooms, two large lounges and a kitchen/dining room. The location also boasts a picturesque backdrop of green fields and nature.

Walks in the countryside are on our doorstep and the surrounding fields have horses, alpacas and Highland cows.



## Supporting the needs of the young people

Young people who have experienced failed attachment will find sanctuary and healing within this warm and modern furnished setting. The therapeutic surroundings at Croekwood also offer an engaging learning and living environment for children and young people with a diagnosis of an autistic spectrum disorder (ASD) and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

The family environment, routines and strategies are in line with what works best for the young people. The staff ratios reflect the needs of the young people, offering various levels of support and a 24-hour waking service.

## Providing best practice

Our staff team at Croekwood place a strong emphasis on engaging with the children and young people, and having them identify their living situation as no ordinary care setting. We focus on possibilities rather than limitations, in order to foster empowerment for our children and young people.

## A range of activities

The spacious grounds at Croekwood offer considerable opportunities for social and peer engagement, with vast space to support the children and young people with their choice of activities and hobbies. There is a plan to have flower beds and a fruit and vegetable garden on-site, promoting both individual and group activities, that will contribute to the achievement of positive outcomes.

There are links with a local stable so children and young people who have an interest in horses can attend. Croekwood also has space to have their own farm animals, which will be developed through participation from the children and young people living there.

The nearby village is a five-minute drive away and is known as Scotland's first craft town, where there is a variety of studios and galleries showcasing local artists' work.

Our community campus and education facility situated at Radio City is a 15-minute drive away. The facility provides young people with exceptional fitness and dining facilities, where they can live and learn alongside the local community of North Ayrshire. The other activities in the local area include:

- Vikingar! Largs
- North Ayrshire Heritage Centre
- Water sports at Castle Semple
- Portencross Hamlet and Beach
- Seamill Hydro
- Stevenston Miniature Golf Course
- Many local beaches



# Dovecote Hall Cottage

Located on the outskirts of a large town in North Ayrshire, Dovecote Hall Cottage is a charming former toll house, situated within semi-rural agricultural land. The service offers comfortable and scenic accommodation for four children and young people from 8-18 years of age, who have an identified additional support need.



## Supporting the needs of the young people

At Dovecote Hall Cottage, we specialise in supporting children and young people who have mental health needs, such as anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder, conduct disorder and specified learning difficulties, including dyslexia and communication problems. Typically, our work focuses on identifying and supporting the individual's difficulties, which may include social interaction, impaired language and communication, as well as physical behaviours.

High levels of support are also provided for those individuals with autism spectrum disorders (ASD), pathological demand avoidance (PDA) and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). The staff ratios reflect the needs of the young people; the service offers 1:1 and 2:1 support, and includes a 24-hour waking service. Where required, this service can provide supported living to individuals via its satellite flat, as part of pathways planning.



## Providing best practice

We promote the safety and wellbeing of all children, young people and staff. GIRFEC is at the core of our work. There is an emphasis on the clear roles and responsibilities of the child, young person and staff worker, to establish a safe and therapeutic environment.

Embedded within our work at Dovecote Hall Cottage, is a commitment to an 'outcomes' approach in meeting needs. Central to this are our approaches to assessment, which are the cornerstones of our work. We are committed to our 'one team' ethos and promote safety, wellbeing and opportunity for our children, young people and staff.

## A range of activities

The external environment at Dovecote Hall Cottage is utilised to maximise opportunities for early interventions, which can assist residents in leading rich and fulfilling lives. The staff team provide a structure that ensures young people undertake normal daily routines and are encouraged to become as independent as possible, in terms of sleep patterns, personal hygiene, dressing, attending school, cooking and shopping.

The external environment provides a range of learning opportunities and staff have gained recognition for their inclusive approach. Residents at the cottage enjoy access to our community campus at Radio City. This is only a 15-minute journey, where they can enjoy our fitness and well-being complex, and our trendy American diner. The other local activities include:

- A snooker club
- Greenacres Riding Stables
- Magnum Centre with swimming, badminton, short tennis and fitness facilities
- Army Cadets
- Galleon Leisure Centre with 5-a-side football, badminton, a sauna, swimming, ice skating and ice hockey
- Dean Castle & Country Park
- The Garage Leisure Complex

## Achieving positive outcomes

In the last year, two of our residents have successfully transitioned back into their local communities.



Care Inspectorate review for Dovecote Hall Cottage:



From this inspection we graded this service as:

Quality of care and support	5 - Very Good
Quality of environment	Not Assessed
Quality of staffing	5 - Very Good
Quality of management and leadership	Not Assessed

**"We found the service to be providing a very good level of care to the young people living at Dovecote Hall Cottage; and the staffing to be of a very good quality. We found clear strengths in supporting positive outcomes for people with very few areas for improvement."**

Care Inspectorate

# Gatehouse

Located in a semi-rural location within a village in East Ayrshire, Gatehouse provides a therapeutic, family environment for five children and young people aged between 8-18 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

Gatehouse promotes 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, with a further emphasis on the roles and responsibilities of the full Aspire Scotland team, 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.



## 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.

## 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

## Achieving positive outcomes

Many of our residents currently enjoy increased independence and home contact, as a prelude to a transition home.



Care Inspectorate review for Gatehouse:



From this inspection we graded this service as:

Quality of care and support	5 - Very Good
Quality of environment	Not Assessed
Quality of staffing	5 - Very Good
Quality of management and leadership	Not Assessed

**“Social workers commented very positively on the progress the young people had made; progressing from school to college, to the work place and to participating in placements that were providing experiences of independence.”**

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# Rose Cottage

Rose Cottage benefits from an idyllic setting, within the heart of a town in North Ayrshire. The children's home supports five children and young people aged 8-18 years, and through Aspire's community house model, it has been specifically designed to provide a family environment for all who live and work there.

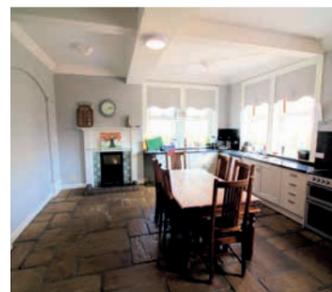
The range of communal spaces available for the young people to enjoy, includes a large lounge, diner-kitchen and a well-maintained garden.



## Supporting the needs of the young people

The spacious interior across two levels at Rose Cottage has helped facilitate the integration of a range of different needs, including learning difficulties, autistic spectrum disorders (ASD), attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and attachment disorder. Our team at Rose Cottage continues to promote the integration of a wide range of needs through a strong ethos of community spirit and family, ensuring that the dynamic in the house remains consistently positive.

The routines and available support at Rose Cottage have been designed to provide a family environment, but also ensure flexibility for new admissions or for young people transitioning back home. Rose Cottage has been furnished to the highest standard and has rooms specifically allocated for innovative interventions. The staff ratios reflect the needs of the young people, and can offer 1:1 and 2:1 support, and a 24-hour waking service.



## Providing best practice

The team at Rose Cottage take advantage of the various amenities connecting the children's home to the local community. The young people can enjoy one-to-one and group support, as they access public transport, the local shops and community groups and clubs. As well as using the positive environment of the town, our educare team are mindful of the backgrounds of each young person, and effectively use nurturing approaches and engage the young people in therapeutic programmes, with a particular emphasis on resilience and attachment.



## A range of activities

Our team at Rose Cottage promote independence for residents to take full advantage of the community setting. The degree of autonomy afforded to residents depends on each individual's level of need, and can start with managing personal hygiene, sleep patterns, dressing, attending school, cooking meals with our housekeeper and shopping either independently or with staff.

All of the facilities and activities in the local area are open to Rose Cottage residents. These include:

- A snooker club
- Magnum Centre with swimming, badminton, short tennis and fitness facilities
- 'Clubbercise' at Vineburgh Boxing Club
- Football club at Greenwood Academy
- Local beach walks
- The HUB - local youth club

As well as these local amenities, all residents have complimentary access to the facilities at our community campus at Radio City, including Galaxy Leisure and Galaxy Café. Further opportunities include horse riding and caring for animals at our Balgray Cottage and Woodend Farm children's homes.



## Achieving positive outcomes

Recent successful outcomes include two young people attending the local mainstream school. We also have one young person undergoing a work experience placement with a local tradesman and three residents have successfully transitioned back to the family home and independent/ supported living.

Care Inspectorate review for Rose Cottage:



From this inspection we graded this service as:

Quality of care and support	4 - Good
Quality of environment	Not Assessed
Quality of staffing	Not Assessed
Quality of management and leadership	5 - Very Good

**“We spoke with all four young people resident within the service. All of them advised they had good relationships with staff members, and felt there were people they could talk to if they had any problems. They all commented that they got on well with other young people, and there were good opportunities to socialise, both inside and out of the house. They also advised that they were given choices over matters within the house, for example food, destinations for trips and personalising their rooms.”**

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# Waterside

Situated within a town in North Ayrshire, Waterside has two living arrangements available consisting of five bedrooms in the main house and a single service on the premises for children and young people aged 8-18 years. The service has a range of communal areas and benefits from a large garden, with stables and a chicken coop.

Waterside continues the farm living approach that has been so successful in meeting the needs of the young people at our Woodend Farm children's home, whilst also placing a particular emphasis on engaging with trauma of failed attachment.



## Supporting the needs of the young people

Young people suffering from failed attachment will find sanctuary and healing within this warm and impressively furnished setting. The therapies available at Waterside also offer an engaging learning and living environment for children and young people diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other mental health needs.

Individuals experiencing issues of anxiety and trauma, as well as resulting social and emotional behaviours, may benefit from the independent living setting available, which also allows for structured peer engagement on the grounds.

The family environment, routines and strategies are in line with what works best for individual young people. The staff ratios also reflect the needs of the young people, offering 1:1 and 2:1 support, and a 24-hour waking service.



## Providing best practice

Our team at the Waterside place a strong emphasis on engaging with children and young people, and having them identify their living situation as no ordinary care setting. What sets our practice at the farm apart is the focus on possibilities rather than limitations, in order to foster empowerment.

A core practice within Aspire Scotland and in particular at Waterside is role modelling to encourage positive interactions in tackling issues, resilience and social engagement. Our team are skilled and experienced in providing positive transitions for young people from previous placements, through careful and inclusive planning.



## A range of activities

The spacious grounds at Waterside offer considerable opportunities for social and peer engagement and the chicken coop, stables and fishing pond on-site, promotes both individual and group activities that will contribute to the achievement of positive outcomes.

Our community campus at Radio City is only a short distance away and provides young people with exceptional fitness and dining facilities, where they can live and learn within the local community. Other activities in the area include:

- Swimming, trampolining and dry slope skiing
- Camping and BBQs
- Water sports at Castle Semple
- Heads of Ayr Farm Park
- Kilwinning Sports Club
- Laserquest, bowling and go-karting
- Bike rides around the local cycle paths
- Whitelee Windfarms



## Achieving positive outcomes

Young people who have resided at Waterside have successfully enjoyed long term placements, where they have faced their significant social and emotional barriers to group integration. Our current residents have expressed their contentment and progressed at Waterside.

Care Inspectorate review for Waterside:



From this inspection we graded this service as:

Quality of care and support	6 - Excellent
Quality of environment	5 - Very Good
Quality of staffing	Not Assessed
Quality of management and leadership	Not Assessed

**“Parents, social workers and young people told us of the positive differences they observed in the young people’s behaviours and approaches.”**

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**“Before, I couldn’t manage my behaviour in school but when I came here they did a lot of work with me so I could cope with school; now I go to college.”**

Resident at Waterside

# Woodend Farm

Woodend Farm is located in a rural setting in South Ayrshire. The children’s home offers a unique farm life experience that allows residents to sample a wider caring environment. This is achieved through active participation in delivering care to farm animals and promoting positive engagement in therapeutic work.

Woodend Farm provides first class living quarters for five children and young people aged 8-18 years. The service provides three en-suite bathrooms, two lounges, a diner-kitchen, and panoramic surrounding of green fields and trees.



## Supporting the needs of the young people

Young people with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), as well as attachment and mental health needs, benefit greatly from the therapeutic nature of the farm. All of the young people at the children’s home present as high risk, are exceptionally vulnerable and are in need of the greater protection available at this service.

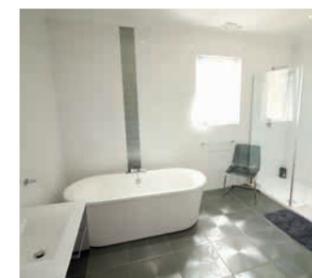
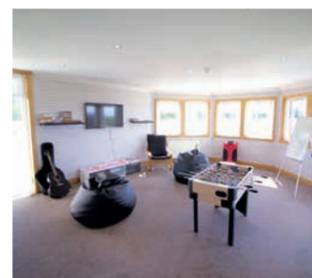
The family environment, routines and strategies are in line with what works best for the young people. The staff ratios reflect the needs of the young people, offering 1:1 and 2:1 support, and a 24-hour waking service.



## Providing best practice

Woodend Farm have secured an ‘excellent’ rating in their latest inspection from the Care Inspectorate. The service places a strong emphasis on engaging with children and young people, and enabling them to identify their living situation as no ordinary care setting.

A core practice within Aspire Scotland and in particular at Woodend Farm is role modelling, to encourage positive interactions in tackling issues, resilience and social engagement. Our team are skilled and experienced in providing positive transitions for young people from previous placements, through careful and inclusive planning.



## A range of activities

It is hoped that fuller social integration for children and young people can be supported through a combination of active farm living and participation in wider social activities and interests. The children and young people will benefit from access to hill walking and the nearby woodland, as well as hands-on opportunities to support the animal husbandry that they witness daily.

The achievements on the farm are used as opportunities to celebrate the contribution of everyone who works and lives there. In addition, young people are able to access a wide range of community activities in the local area. These include:

- Davis and Pyramid Snooker Club
- Citadel Centre with swimming/gym
- Local football clubs
- Beach Park
- Heads of Ayr Farm Park
- Culzean Castle
- Zumba and Clubbercise



## Achieving positive outcomes

Three of our young people staying at the farm have brought their own animals, including hamsters, chickens and rabbits. In an employment capacity, our newest resident is participating in the design and development of the landscape, as the farm continues to evolve in line with the imagination of all of our young people.

Care Inspectorate review for Woodend Farm:



From this inspection we graded this service as:

Quality of care and support	6 – Excellent
Quality of environment	6 – Excellent
Quality of staffing	Not Assessed
Quality of management and leadership	Not Assessed

“We found the service to be providing an excellent level of care and support, within an excellent quality of environment. We arrived at this grading given that the quality of care that supported experiences and outcomes for people were of outstandingly high quality.”

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## Our education services

Our education campus is embedded within Radio City, keeping with our community model. It allows for our pupils to experience socialisation within their curriculum and build resilience in their transition into young adulthood, through a stimulating and enterprising school environment.

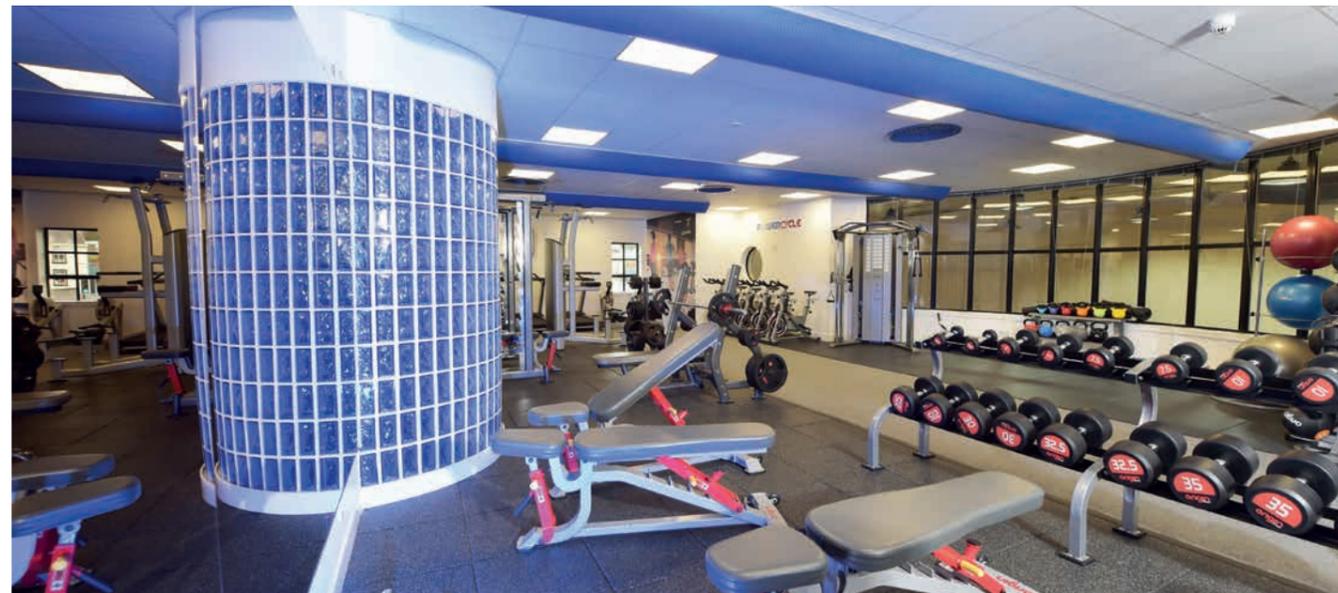
All of the children and young people will receive a broad and balanced curriculum in line with their needs and the principles of the Curriculum for Excellence. We work flexibly with a range of local services to promote wider achievement in areas such as outdoor education, horticulture and beauty therapy.

We promote high quality learning experiences at all times, leading to successful attainment and achievement, with a clear emphasis on target setting at the education centre. These targets are arrived at via close dialogue between the staff and young people. We promote learning and teaching experiences which foster active and cooperative learning.

In keeping with our drive towards a fully inclusive practice, we also maintain strong links with local mainstream schools and colleges. The learning is not confined to the school timetable; we embrace a 24-hour curriculum, and view every minute of the day as a learning experience.

We acknowledge the range of needs as displayed by today's children and young people. Our staff team have worked in the fields of care, education and health, and as such, bring a wealth of experience to their practice at our services and the education centre in Kilbirnie.

For most of the young people, their learning takes place within the learning centre, the surrounding area, a practical technologies hub and our residential services. This ensures that the curriculum includes the totality of experiences, which are planned for the children and young people through their education, wherever they are being educated.



### Additional facilities

In 2015, we opened 'Galaxy Café' at Radio City, which is an American-style diner and a key part of the local community. Our young people helped design and brand Galaxy Café, and now enjoy a trendy and engaging environment to have their lunch, as well as partake in work experience and independent living initiatives.

Aspire Scotland has also invested in a modern, bespoke leisure facility, called Galaxy Leisure, for both the local community, and our children and young people to enjoy. Firmly embedded within each child and young person's plan is the aspiration to be 'healthy' and 'achieving', and our fully-furnished fitness suite allows for a structured fitness-based curriculum, as well as leisurely use of the facility, where young people can enjoy positive interactions with the local community.

Our young people also have access to other amenities available at Galaxy Leisure, including a large sports hall that can accommodate a variety of sports and activities, as well as a sauna and steam room.



### Get in touch

For more information on the range of services at Aspire Scotland or to make a referral, please contact us today:

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