

Inspection Report

Name of Service: Oakridge Social Education Centre

Provider: Southern Health & Social Care Trust.

Date of Inspection: 25 June 2026

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1.0 Service information

Organisation/Registered Provider:	Southern Health & Social Care Trust
Responsible Individual/Responsible Person:	Mr Steve Spoerry
Registered Manager:	Mr Melvyn Purdy – awaiting registration
Service Profile – This is a day care setting providing a programme of day care and day time activities Monday to Friday for adults living with a learning disability. Oakridge Social Education Centre (SEC) provides day care for those adults presenting with learning disability. An intensive support unit is located on the site and accommodates service users with complex medical/nursing needs. Oakridge also has a bespoke unit “Little Oaks” for a number of service users.	

2.0 Inspection summary

An announced inspection took place on 25 June 2026 between 9.30 am and 10.00 am by a care Inspector.

This inspection was undertaken to examine the day centre environment in relation to works carried out with respect to variation VA013490. This related to refurbishment works carried out to an activity room within the Intensive Support Unit of the day centre, to include a wash room facility and the provision of an accessible external safe space outside the activity room which had installed a new outdoor swing.

The inspection focused solely on the works carried out for the purpose of the variation application which was also reviewed by the aligned estates inspector.

3.0 How we Inspect

RQIA’s inspections form part of our ongoing assessment of the quality of services. Our reports reflect what was observed at the time of our inspection, highlighting positive practice and any areas for improvement. It is the responsibility of the service provider to ensure compliance with the regulations and standards, and to address any deficits identified during our inspections.

A range of documents related to this variation application were examined in preparation for this inspection. This included the revised statement of purpose service user guide and the existing and proposed plans related to this variation.

3.1 Inspection Findings

3.1.1 What changes have been made within the day centre environment since the last inspection?

There has been works carried out to refurbish an existing but unused activity room. This area was bright, clean, spacious and suitably furnished with ample natural light. The fixtures, fittings, and furnishings observed within this area were compliant with the Day Care Settings Minimum Standards (2021).

The wash room facilities area had a new shower and toilet fitted, however there was no hand washing facilities installed within this area. This was discussed with the manager who advised that a new sink had been ordered with hands free sensor taps. It was agreed that the activity room and wash room would not be utilised until the wash room facilities within the unit are completed and safe for use.

The external space was situated outside a fire exit door and was accessible via a ramp which led to an enclosed space. The ground was suitably covered and a new surrounding wooden fence installed. Within this area an outdoor swing is in place which is suitable for one service user. The manager advised that additional padding for the corners of the fence and swing were being sourced to reduce risk of injury to any service users using this outdoor area. It was agreed that the outdoor area would not be utilised until all padding for the identified corners had been safely secured.

A discussion took place regarding the access to service user / staff call point. It was agreed this would be kept under review to meet the needs of identified service users, as appropriate.

4.0 Quality Improvement Plan/Areas for Improvement

An area for improvement was identified where action is required to ensure compliance with Regulations and Standards.

	Regulations	Standards
Total number of Areas for Improvement	1	0

Areas for improvement and details of the Quality Improvement Plan were discussed with Mr Melvyn Purdy (Manager), as part of the inspection process. The timescales for completion commence from the date of inspection.

Quality Improvement Plan	
Action required to ensure compliance with the Day Care Setting Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007	
Area for improvement 1 Ref: Regulation 26 (2) Stated: First time To be completed by: Before any person utilise this space.	The Registered Person shall ensure that the facilities and equipment provided in the day care setting for use by service users and persons who work in the day care setting is in good working order, properly maintained and suitable for the purposes for which it is to be used. This includes the provision of suitable washing facilities and that suitable adaptations are made in respect of any equipment that is provided to meet the needs of service users Ref: 3.1.1
	Response by registered person detailing the actions taken: The Registered Person can confirm that the appropriate washing facilities, including the installation of a specialised wash hand basin, is now completed. The Registered Person can confirm that appropriate safety adaptations, including protective padding for the existing swing equipment and fenced area, have been ordered and are scheduled for installation by 30th September 2026. The Registered Person can confirm that the staff call system has been fully installed and is operational. These adaptations are suitable to meet the safety and assessed needs of the service user.



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