

1249034

Registered provider: Searchlight Care Services Ltd

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This children's home is run by a private organisation and offers care and accommodation for one young person who has emotional and/or behavioural difficulties. The manager has been registered with Ofsted since December 2018.

Inspection date: 19 March 2019

Judgement at last inspection: requires improvement to be good

Date of last inspection: 9 January 2019

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

This inspection

The effectiveness of the home and the progress and experiences of children and young people since the most recent full inspection

This home was judged requires improvement to be good at the last full inspection. At the interim inspection, Ofsted judges that it has sustained effectiveness.

There are currently no children in residence at the home.

Since the last inspection, the young person living in the home has left. He experienced a planned move to a placement that was assessed as being more suitable for his needs.

Staff are not always aware of the processes that need to take place for the organisation to reach a final decision if to admit a new young person. This means that staff do not always have an informed understanding about the decision-making processes for potential new admissions.

The current manager registered with Ofsted in December 2018. Staff confirm that they are well supported and have lots of opportunities to develop their practice through supervision, training and team meetings. This ensures that staff remain knowledgeable

and competent.

Staff have a good understanding of safeguarding procedures and practice. They also work collaboratively with partner agencies such as placing authorities, the local authority and police to ensure a strong multi-agency approach to safeguarding young people.

The registered manager has addressed the requirements made at the last inspection. The young person who recently moved on was registered with all primary medical healthcare agencies, enrolled on and attended an education provision, had up-to-date care plans and received regular one-to-one input around his personal safety. New monitoring systems mean that there is greater management oversight of sanctions used in the home. In addition, the registered manager forwarded a copy of the most recent statement of purpose to Ofsted.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
09/01/2019	Full	Requires improvement to be good
29/01/2018	Interim	Not judged

Information about this inspection

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people. Inspectors considered the quality of work and the differences made to the lives of children and young people. They watched how professional staff work with children and young people and each other and discussed the effectiveness of help and care provided. Wherever possible, they talked to children and young people and their families. In addition, the inspectors have tried to understand what the children's home knows about how well it is performing, how well it is doing and what difference it is making for the children and young people whom it is trying to help, protect and look after.

This inspection focused on the effectiveness of the home and the progress and experiences of children and young people since the most recent full inspection.

Using the 'Social care common inspection framework', this inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000 to assess the effectiveness of the service, how it meets the core functions of the service as set out in legislation, and to consider how well it complies with the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards'.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: 1249034

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Searchlight Care Services Ltd

Registered provider address: Marcus House, Parkhall Road, Longton, Stoke on Trent ST3 5XA

Responsible individual: Paul Turner

Registered manager: Samantha Walters

Inspector

Dave Carrigan, social care inspector

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