

1249034

Registered provider: Searchlight Care Services Ltd

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home provides care and accommodation for one young person who has emotional and/or behavioural difficulties. A private provider owns and operates this service.

Inspection date: 29 January 2018

Judgement at last inspection: Not applicable

Date of last inspection: N/A

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 has not yet had a full inspection.
At this interim inspection the home was 'not judged'.

The home has not provided accommodation to young people since its registration on 11 August 2017. This inspection focuses on whether the children's home meets its statutory requirements in order to maintain its registration and is ready to accept placements.

The registered manager continues to review and monitor the service. This means that when young people are living in the home staff will be able to meet their needs, promote their safety and support them to make good progress in all areas of their development. However, the registered manager did not ensure that an independent visitor monitored the home as required. As a result, the service has not benefited from external scrutiny to ensure the continued suitability of the home.

Staff employed to work in this home have been moved temporarily to other homes

within the organisation. This means that staff have had the opportunity to gain additional skills and experience. The registered manager has also completed additional training, such as a higher level safeguarding course and data protection training.

The registered manager has established professional partnerships with specialist support agencies such as the virtual school, local police teams, and mental health services. Subsequently, when young people are living in the home they will be able to access these support services without delay.

The registered manager visits the home regularly to undertake a range of health and safety, and fire checks. This ensures that the environment remains safe and free from hazards.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
N/A		

What does the children's home need to do to improve?

Statutory requirements

This section sets out the actions that the registered person(s) must take to meet the Care Standards Act 2000, Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards'. The registered person(s) must comply within the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
The registered person must ensure that an independent person visits the children's home at least once each month. (Regulation 44(1))	05/03/2018

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 Estates, Marcus House, Stoke On Trent ST3 5XA

Responsible individual: Denver Underwood

Registered manager: Matthew Beverstock

Inspector

Jo Stephenson, social care inspector

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