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Registered provider: Care 4 Children Residential Services Ltd

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is privately operated. The home provides medium-term to long-term therapeutic care and support for children and young people who have suffered childhood sexual abuse and child sexual exploitation. The children and young people may also have emotional, social and behavioural difficulties. The home offers placements for a maximum of four female children or young people aged between 11 and 17 years.

The previous manager was registered with Ofsted, but left the service in April 2019. The home has appointed an interim manager who has applied to Ofsted for registration and is working towards a level 5 diploma in leadership and management of residential childcare settings.

Inspection date: 21 May 2019

Judgement at last inspection: requires improvement to be good

Date of last inspection: 19 June 2018

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 improved effectiveness.

The premature resignation of the manager following her registration resulted in the deputy manager 'acting up' as the interim manager. She is in the process of applying to be registered. This has provided continuity of service delivery and has had no impact on the stability and consistency of care. The children and young people continue to thrive and make excellent progress.

The managers has been proactive in meeting the requirements made at the last inspection. Staff have undergone refresher training in recording and reporting, risk management, safeguarding and safe caring that ensures a greater understanding of professional boundaries. There are robust systems in place that track and monitor serious incidents at a senior level and the voice of the child is given absolute credence.

The home is situated in a rural location. It is well equipped, and is decorated and furnished to a high standard. It has a warm and homely atmosphere. More importantly, the children and young people have a say in how they want their home to look. They personalise their bedrooms and have chosen to have a beauty/spa room equipped to do manicures, hair and make-up. This gives the children and young people an immediate sense of belonging and self-worth.

The children and young people are nurtured and supported in all aspects of their lives by a dedicated and skilled staff team. The manager and staff engage regularly with social workers, parents and other professionals, which embeds a culture of transparency and openness. This has ensured that children and young people are safe, and that their well-being is closely monitored. One social worker commented: 'This is one of the best homes I have come across. [Name of young person] is making so much progress and we are now permanency planning for when she leaves.'

Children and young people experience well-planned beginnings and endings when they transition to and out of the home. Since the last inspection there have been no unplanned discharges. The children and young people have achieved positive outcomes as a result of the support and therapy they receive. Children and young people's views, wishes and feelings are actively sought, and they learn to take ownership of their lives.

The staff skilfully support children and young people to learn life skills through practical, visual and written work'. Support and risk plans are child focused and the voice of the child or young person is clearly evident. One young person was keen to demonstrate her cooking skills, and produced some delicious chocolate brownies. She said: 'We all have a cooking night and I am famous for my curries.'

The acting manager has a clear understanding of what the home does well. She has completed a development plan and utilises internal and external monitoring systems. This has resulted in ongoing improvement in the quality of care and outcomes for children and young people.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
19/06/2018	Full	Requires improvement to be good
19/12/2017	Interim	Sustained effectiveness
27/06/2017	Full	Outstanding

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: 1249115

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Care 4 Children Residential Services Ltd

Registered provider address: Care 4 Children, 1 Stuart Road, Bredbury Park Industrial Estate, Bredbury, Stockport SK6 2SR

Responsible individual: Bethan Davies

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Cath Sikakana, social care inspector

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