

Children's homes - interim inspection

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Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home
Registered person	The Partnership of Care Today Children's Services
Registered person address	Lansdowne House, 85 Buxton Road, STOCKPORT, Cheshire, SK2 6LR

Responsible individual	Vivien Snape
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Inspector	Dave Carrigan

Inspection date	10/02/2016
Previous inspection judgement	Good
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 Good at the full inspection. At this interim inspection Ofsted judge that it has sustained effectiveness. Since the last inspection, one young person has moved into the placement whilst three young people have left the home and moved to different placements. The quality of care young people receive continues to be good. This is because care planning is well targeted, responsive to diverse needs and under constant review. Young people continue to be involved in their care planning arrangements. They have a say in matters such as activities, daily routines and planning for the future. Young people are in good health. They are registered with primary health care and specialist providers. This ensures that they can access services and receive treatment without undue delays. Appropriate arrangements are in place for the safe management of medicines to promote the safety and well-being of young people. All school age young people attend full time education. Staff from the home support young people in school throughout their school day. This provides continuity of support and ensures clear communication between home and school. Young people over sixteen are encouraged to attend further education or supported to find appropriate employment. Young people continue to be safe. Staff receive safeguarding training that is refreshed and they have a good understanding of their duties in promoting young people's welfare. Staff work with young people individually to address any vulnerabilities and risks. Care plans, behaviour management plans and risk assessment all contribute to young people's changing needs for safety and protection. The home has taken appropriate action when young people are missing from care, in line with policies and procedures agreed with the local police. Strategy meetings take place when necessary to consider how young people can be best protected. The local police missing from care coordinator visits the home. Training is carried out with staff to help them work with the young people to raise their awareness of	

the risks they take when missing.

Behaviour management is positive and results in very little use of restraint. Staff are trained in the appropriate use of physical restraint but only ever use this as a last resort, preferring to use de-escalation techniques.

Staff ensure that young people are able to maintain contact with their family and friends. Staff will facilitate contact, regularly providing transport, so that these important connections are maintained.

Young people continue to live in a safe and secure environment through the routine checking of electrical, gas and fire equipment and emergency evacuations.

Thorough recruitment and vetting procedures are in place and visitors to the home are checked and supervised as appropriate. These practices ensure young people are protected from people who may present a risk.

The home continues to be managed by a suitably qualified manager who has been in post since August 2012. Staff receive a thorough induction programme, ongoing training, regular supervision and annual appraisals.

In response to the recommendation made at the last inspection, young people now receive a restorative approach to any sanctions imposed.

There are no requirements or recommendations.

Information about this children's home

The home provides care for up to four young people with emotional and behavioural difficulties. It provides medium to long-term residential care and is owned by a private company

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
02/09/2015	CH - Full	Good
16/03/2015	CH - Interim	Sustained effectiveness
19/11/2014	CH - Full	Good
13/03/2014	CH - Interim	Satisfactory progress

What the inspection judgements mean

At the interim inspection we make a judgement on whether the home has improved in effectiveness, sustained effectiveness, or declined in effectiveness since the previous full inspection. This is in line with the *Inspection of children's homes: framework for inspection*.

Information about this inspection

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people living in the children's home. Inspectors considered the quality of work and the difference adults make to the lives of children and young people. They read case files, watched how professional staff work with children, young people and each other and discussed the effectiveness of help and care given to children and young people. Wherever possible, they talked to children, 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 who 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.

This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000 to assess the effectiveness of the service 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*.

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