

Children's homes - interim inspection

Inspection date	20/01/2016
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Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Residential special school
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	20/01/2016
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. Young people continue to benefit from experienced staff who demonstrate commitment to meeting their needs and keeping them safe. As a result, most young people make good progress and achieve many personal goals during their stay at the home. Education has a high profile and the children's home is part of a residential special School, which is on site. Young people continue to benefit from staff effectively communicating across school and care settings about issues that may be impacting on their welfare and promoting a consistency of care. Young people access all primary healthcare services, such as doctors, dentist and optician appointments and their general health needs are met. Specialist support is available to meet the emotional and psychological needs of young people through direct or indirect therapeutic sessions. Appropriate arrangements are established for the safe management of medicines to promote the safety and well-being of young people. Young people continue to develop and maintain relationships with significant others, due to the staff supporting and facilitating contact arrangements. Young people are encouraged to express their views and opinions to staff and the registered manager through their regular keyworker sessions and weekly house meetings. Young people say they feel safe and there are good arrangements in place to ensure young people are cared for safely. This includes regular training in child protection so staff are clear about how to respond to any allegations, suspicions or evidence of harm. Young people are protected by the consistent approach to behaviour management. There are some restraints and sanctions recorded since the last inspection. However, these incidents are well recorded and fully evaluated by the staff team. This enables the home to modify individual behaviour management plans quickly	

and effectively.

There have been incidents of young people going missing from the satellite home since the last inspection. There is a well-informed process, based on clear policy and procedures in responding to and reporting young people who are missing without authority. Records provide a detailed account of the incident including what action staff take in addressing the reasons for any absence from the home.

Monitoring of the home continues to be good and is used well to help drive forward continuous improvement. There are effective health and safety systems in place. Regular practice evacuations ensure young people know how to exit the building safely and quickly in case of an emergency.

The home continues to be managed by a suitably qualified manager who has been in post since April 2014. The home has clearly defined policies for the supervision and training of staff and an induction programme designed to ensure all staff have the skills and qualities necessary for effective childcare practice.

In response to the requirements made at the last inspection, the homes statement of purpose now sets out the aims and objectives of both of the homes under the same registration. The homes location risk assessment now identifies individual risks pertinent to both homes.

There are no requirements or recommendations

Information about this children's home

The privately owned service is both a children's home and a school that provides care and education for up to 12 young people who have significant social, emotional and behavioural difficulties. Ten young people can be accommodated at the children's home with a further two young people accommodated in the satellite home.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
15/09/2015	CH - Full	Good
17/03/2015	CH - Interim	sustained effectiveness
28/05/2014	CH - Full	Good
18/12/2013	CH - Interim	Inadequate 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.

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