

Inspection report for children's home

Unique reference number	SC008268
Inspector	Hannah Bates
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 Anne Snape
Registered manager	Martin Lewis Russell
Date of last inspection	03/12/2014

Inspection date	26/03/2015
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Previous inspection	good
Enforcement action since last inspection	none

This inspection

This home was judged good at the last full inspection. At this interim inspection Ofsted judge that it has **sustained effectiveness**.

Young people have positive experiences within the home. They take part in sports and activities within the community, such as football, rugby, and snooker. Staff encourage them to develop their skills and therefore increase their self-esteem. The provision actively supports and promotes relationships between young people and their families and young people enjoy this. There is an emphasis on the importance of partnership working. Staff embed this within their practice; not only with young people's families, but also with placing authorities, youth offending service, police and therapeutic services. This ensures that there is a multi-agency response to care planning and managing risk.

The provision is good at supporting young people's education and helping them attend most of the time. Young people have aspirations for their futures. They actively engage in thinking about what they want to do in their lives. For example, complete their GCSE's and go on to college. Staff and young people enjoy good quality relationships. Staff spend time getting to know young people. There is an ethos of talking openly to resolve any issues. This is effective and young people will talk with staff about their worries or concerns. The provision is tenacious at ensuring that young people receive all of the support they need and advocating for them. Young people feel listened to.

Safeguarding is a key focus within the home and the Registered Manager ensures that information is shared with relevant professionals. Staff work to help young people reduce risk taking behaviour, although this is not effective with all. Staff work with police and the youth offending service to assess risk, and to try to implement strategies to reduce criminal activity and substance misuse. The provision has not consistently notified HMCI of incidents where young people have been involved in significant incidents. Whilst this has not had a direct impact on the young people, it is a requirement. Staff focus on trying to educate young people to make positive

choices. Physical interventions are rare within the home because staff maximise their good relationships to de-escalate situations. Sanctions are used appropriately and young people engage in key working sessions to help them think about their behaviour. This helps them make changes and gives them skills for later life.

The Registered Manager has a clear and consistently reviewed development plan which informs effective management. There is an emphasis on the whole staff team having responsibility for the management and delivery of care to young people. Because of this, young people receive consistently good quality of care from a committed staff team.

Information about this children's home

The home provides care and accommodation for up to two young people with emotional or behavioural difficulties. It is part of a large, private organisation operating a number of children's homes.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
03/12/2014	Full	good
24/02/2014	Interim	good progress
03/12/2013	Full	good
03/09/2012	Interim	satisfactory progress

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

Statutory Requirements

This section sets out the actions which must be taken so that the registered person/s meets the Care Standards Act 2000, Children's Homes Regulations 2001 and the National Minimum Standards. The registered person(s) must comply with the given timescales.

Reg.	Requirement	Due date
30 (2001)	ensure any of the events listed in column 1 of the table in Schedule 5 takes place, the registered person shall without delay notify the persons indicated in respect of the event in column 2 of the table (Regulation 30(1))	07/05/2015

What inspection judgements mean

At the interim inspections 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

The purpose of this inspection is to assure children and young people, parents, the public, local authorities and government of the quality and standard of the service provided. The 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 relevant regulations and meets the national minimum standards.

The report details the main strengths, any areas for improvement, including any breaches of regulation, and any failure to meet national minimum standards. The judgements included in the report are made against the framework of inspection for children's homes.