

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
Registered manager	Ann Williams
Inspector	Dave Carrigan

Inspection date	08/03/2016
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 transitioned from the home to independent living accommodation. The young person was able to make the transition successfully due to the support and guidance by the staff. Young people benefit from an experienced staff team that are well qualified to meet their needs. They live in a safe, secure and caring environment where regular consultation between staff and young people takes place. Staff are good at promoting the well-being of young people. They ensure that they have access to local health services and encourage healthy lifestyles. A good medication management system ensures the safe administration of medication. Clear records are maintained by the home and medication is securely stored. Young people make good progress in their education. They benefit from good attendance and are achieving in line with their age and stage of development. Staff wholeheartedly support the educational attainments of young people and celebrate their success, helping to keep young people motivated. The positive relationship between staff and young people mean that young people feel safe and secure in their home. As a result there have been no recorded incidents of physical intervention or missing from care episodes since the last inspection. Young people are encouraged to maintain contact with their families and carers in accordance with their care plans. Staff clearly understand the importance of contact for the young people and if required support contact arrangements. The home provides a physically safe and secure environment where regular health and safety checks are completed. Young people take part in regular fire drills in order that they know how to evacuate the home safely in the event of an emergency. Safe recruitment practices within the home means that staff are appropriately vetted to ensure they are suitable to work with young people. The home continues to be managed by a suitably qualified manager who has been	

in post since March 2007. Staff receive regular supervision and appraisal. Staff receive regular training to help ensure they have the skills and competencies necessary to meet the diverse needs of the young people they look after and there are systems in place to ensure important training is regularly updated or refreshed.

In response to the recommendation made at the last inspection, there is now a clearer system for the capturing of information after an episode of missing from care. There are no requirements or recommendations from this inspection.

Information about this children's home

The setting is a family-sized home. Care is provided for two young people of either sex who have emotional and behavioural difficulties. A private company owns and operates this setting.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
03/11/2015	CH - Full	Good
26/03/2015	CH - Interim	Improved effectiveness
24/10/2014	CH - Full	Good
08/01/2014	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.

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