

Children's homes – Interim inspection

Inspection date	08/03/2017
Unique reference number	SC008270
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home
Registered provider	The Partnership of Care Today Children's Services
Registered provider address	Lansdowne House, 85 Buxton Road, Stockport, Cheshire SK2 6LR

Responsible individual	Vivien Snape
Registered manager	Kyra Knight
Inspector	Dave Carrigan

Inspection date	08/03/2017
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 judges that it has sustained effectiveness. Since the last inspection, there have been no new admissions or discharges. Staff are enthusiastic about young people's progress. Young people's attendance and engagement with education are good. All young people attend school or college regularly. When issues arise in school, the staff are proactive in helping young people to address the issues. This swift intervention by staff means that young people's education is not compromised. Young people are encouraged and supported to attend routine appointments with dentists, doctors and opticians. Medication is stored safely, and records are maintained on the administration of medication. Since the home's last inspection, there have been no reports of young people going missing from care or the need for staff to use physical restraint. This is a consequence of positive interventions by staff at an early stage and by staff recognising and rewarding young people's positive behaviour. Young people are supported in their transition to adulthood and with staff support, young people learn about money management, shopping, cooking and taking responsibility for their personal hygiene. This means that young people develop essential life skills in readiness for adulthood. Young people live in a safe environment. The manager ensures that there are effective health and safety systems so that young people are kept safe. The manager has addressed the two requirements raised at the last inspection. Risk assessments now set out all available risk management strategies and the children's guide is now more personalised to reflect the individual needs of young people.	

Information about this children's home

The setting is a family-sized home and can provide care to two young people who may have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties. A private company owns and operates this setting.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
07/09/2016	Full	Good
08/03/2016	Interim	Sustained effectiveness
03/11/2015	Full	Good
26/03/2015	Interim	Improved effectiveness

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 that 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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