

Children's homes – Interim inspection

Inspection date	15/02/2017
Unique reference number	SC018238
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home
Registered provider	Dove Adolescent Services Limited
Registered provider address	170 Southgate, Pontefract, West Yorkshire, WF8 1QJ

Responsible individual	Barbara Whittaker
Registered manager	Post vacant
Inspector	Stella Henderson

Inspection date	15/02/2017
Previous inspection judgement	Not judged
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 last full inspection. At this interim inspection the home was not judged. The home has been closed since December 2014. Since then, it has not admitted any children or young people. The home does not have a registered manager or a staff team. It is currently being used as a training venue, so it is not in a position to admit children and young people, although checks on health and safety are frequently made and public liability insurance is in place. The provider has indicated that the home will not be operational until the summer of 2017. The provider is hereby required to give three months' notice before any child or young person is admitted to the home.	

Information about this children's home

This is a privately run children's home. It is registered to take one young person who has emotional and behavioural difficulties.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
14/11/2016	Interim	Not judged
30/07/2015	Interim	Not judged
31/03/2015	Interim	Not judged
14/01/2015	Interim	Not judged

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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