

Children's homes - interim inspection

Inspection date	31/07/2015
Unique reference number	SC018238
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home
Registered person	Dove Adolescent Services Limited
Registered person address	170 Southgate, Pontefract, West Yorkshire, WF8 1QJ

Responsible individual	Barbara Whittaker
Registered manager	Vacant post
Inspector	Debbie Foster

Inspection date	14/01/2015
Previous inspection judgement	N/A
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 not provided accommodation to children and young people since December 2014 and remains closed. This inspection focuses on whether the children's home meets its statutory requirements in order to maintain its registration and is ready to accept placements. The registered provider has indicated that the home will not be operational for some time. The physical environment remains suitable for use as children's home. The registered provider acknowledged the need to ensure there was a registered manager and suitable staff team in place before re-opening. Should this be the case the registered provider is required to inform Ofsted three months prior to accepting any new admissions.	

Information about this children's home

This is a privately owned children's home. This home is registered to provide care and accommodation for one young person with emotional and behavioural difficulties.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
31/03/2015	CH - Interim	Not judged
14/01/2015	CH - Interim	Not judged
04/03/2014	CH - Interim	Good Progress
10/09/2013	CH - Full	Good

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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