

SC020576

Registered provider: Castle Homes Care Limited

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This children's home is registered to provide care for up to five young males between the ages of 11 and 18. The home specialises in the care and treatment of young people who have, or are considered to be likely to present, harmful sexual behaviours.

The registered manager is skilled and experienced and has been in post since 2016.

Inspection date: 7 March 2019

Judgement at last inspection: good

Date of last inspection: 8 May 2018

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 the interim inspection, Ofsted judges that it has sustained effectiveness.

Since the last full inspection, no children or young people have moved in or out of the home and very few staff have left. Consequently, young people experience stability in their lives and live in a nurturing environment that allows them to build and maintain positive relationships.

Young people make progress and are being prepared for future independence. Young people engage in therapeutic work and have made steady progress in exploring and understanding their past behaviours.

The registered manager has good relationships with other agencies and works closely with them to ensure that information is shared. Her ability to challenge and ensure that young people's needs are met is exceptional. She champions for each young person as a good parent would. The registered manager and staff advocate for young people until their voices are heard and they receive the services they require.

The registered manager and staff understand young people's risks and implement strategies to keep young people and others safe. However, the registered manager is not risk averse and will allow young people the opportunity to make progress in a safe and planned way in collaboration with others.

Overall incidents in the home are minimal. When they do happen, staff respond swiftly to keep young people safe. This includes when young people go missing from the home. The registered manager and staff know the young people well and understand the triggers to their behaviours.

The registered manager has a home improvement plan to modernise the home. The work has already started to take place; a new fitted kitchen is being installed and the dining room being redecorated. The home is clean and tidy and each young person's bedroom is personalised.

The registered manager has good oversight of the home. She reviews and monitors the progress made by young people and the quality of care with which they are provided.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
08/05/2018	Full	Good
24/01/2018	Full	Inadequate
02/03/2017	Interim	Sustained effectiveness
12/10/2016	Full	Good

Information about this inspection

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people. Inspectors considered the quality of work and the differences made to the lives of children and young people. They watched how professional staff work with children and young people and each other and discussed the effectiveness of help and care provided. Wherever possible, they talked to children and 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 whom 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.

Using the 'Social care common inspection framework', this inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000 to assess the effectiveness of the service, how it meets the core functions of the service as set out in legislation, and to consider how well it complies with the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards'.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: SC020576

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Castle Homes Care Limited

Registered provider address: 80 Hammersmith Road, London W14 8UD

Responsible individual: Shelley Whiting

Registered manager: Deborah Bassett

Inspector

Lisa O'Donovan, social care inspector

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