

Children's homes – Interim inspection

Inspection date	17/03/2017
Unique reference number	SC020630
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home
Registered provider	Castle Homes Care Ltd
Registered provider address	80 Hammersmith Road, London W14 8UD

Responsible individual	Shelley Whiting
Registered manager	Dale Berry
Inspector	Andrew Hewston

Inspection date	17/03/2017
Previous inspection judgement	Outstanding
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 outstanding at the full inspection. At this interim inspection, the home was not judged. The home has been closed since September 2016 for major refurbishment. The registered provider has indicated that the home will not be operational for six months. Should the home decide to accept placements, it is required to inform Ofsted of its intention before it does so.	

Information about this children's home

The home is part of a large private organisation. It offers care to two children who have emotional and behavioural difficulties. The home is set in a rural location.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
30/06/2016	Full	Outstanding
16/03/2016	Interim	Improved effectiveness
22/07/2015	Full	Good
18/03/2015	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. Whenever 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 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.

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