

Inspection report for children's home

Unique reference number	SC025420
Inspector	Elaine Allison
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home

Registered person	Quality Protects Children Ltd
Registered person address	Hill House Archway Road Huyton Liverpool L36 9XB
Responsible individual	Anthony Nolan
Registered manager	Anthony Tagoe
Date of last inspection	09/06/2014

Inspection date	12/03/2015
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Previous inspection	good
Enforcement action since last inspection	none

This inspection

This home was judged good at the last full inspection. At this interim inspection Ofsted judge that it has **sustained effectiveness**.

The requirements and recommendations for improvement made at the last inspection have been addressed. This inspection has identified one area for further improvement in the ongoing monitoring of the home by an independent person. This shortfall does not impact negatively upon the welfare of children..

Since the last inspection, some young people have left the home. However, this was due to some unexpected circumstances and out of the control of the manager and staff in the home. Some new young people have now been placed in this home and appear to be starting to develop positive relationships with staff. They are also beginning to make progress in some areas of their life, for example, young people are who were previously not in education are now enrolled in full-time college courses.

The home has reviewed its admissions process. There is now a system in place to ensure young people's needs are carefully matched with the ability of the home to meet all the young people's needs. The manager robustly scrutinises referrals and is resolute in assuring that new young people are carefully matched with the existing young people's needs. This ensures that there is minimum disruption for all young people's care.

The young people in the home now have access to the internet. They can access the internet via new Smart televisions and a computer which is situated in the kitchen area. Full risk assessments have been carried out and careful thought has been given in the positioning of the computer and televisions to ensure staff can monitor young people's internet usage. This ensures young people are kept safe while accessing social media sites.

The home is well managed, which impacts on young people's quality of care. The

staff team are kept up to date with new legislation and changes within Ofsted. The home has a clear working development plan which is shared with staff. The house is comfortable and homely with plenty of personal touches made by the young people. New furniture has been purchased for the living room area. It is spacious and well-equipped to meet the young people's needs.

Staff place a real importance on education for young people and have worked very hard to ensure that the young people newly admitted to their home receive education that is suitable to their needs. As a result of their efforts, they all receive appropriate education to meet their needs, which will enable them to make some educational progress.

The manager and staff have had training in safeguarding and administration of medication. The manager is also fully aware of how to respond to safeguarding concerns and has the contact details of the Local Authority Designated Officer should there be a need to refer or to seek advice.

Partnership working is good. This ensures that everyone involved with a young person is fully informed and they work consistently together to improve outcomes. Health services are appropriately accessed in response to young people's health needs. This ensures they are appropriately addressed and their health outcomes improve.

There are external and internal monitoring systems in place. However, the external monitoring systems such as the Regulation 33 visits and reports have not been completed at the required frequency.

The home has sustained progress since the last inspection and has therefore been judged as having sustained effectiveness. One shortfall has been identified relating to ensuring the Regulation 33 visits and reports are completed at least once a month.

Information about this children's home

This is a children's home for six young people with emotional and behavioural difficulties, and drug or alcohol dependence, who come from many parts of England and Wales. The home is one of several owned by a private company.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
09/06/2014	Full	good
03/02/2014	Interim	good progress
18/09/2013	Full	adequate
30/01/2013	Interim	satisfactory progress

What does the children's home need to do to improve further?

Statutory Requirements

This section sets out the actions which must be taken so that the registered person/s meets the Care Standards Act 2000, Children's Homes Regulations 2001 and the National Minimum Standards. The registered person(s) must comply with the given timescales.

Reg.	Requirement	Due date
33 (2001)	ensure that visits by the independent person take place at least once a month. (Regulation 33 (7))	01/04/2015

What inspection judgements mean

At the interim inspections 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

The purpose of this inspection is to assure children and young people, parents, the public, local authorities and government of the quality and standard of the service provided. The inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000 to assess the effectiveness of the service and to consider how well it complies with the relevant regulations and meets the national minimum standards.

The report details the main strengths, any areas for improvement, including any breaches of regulation, and any failure to meet national minimum standards. The judgements included in the report are made against the framework of inspection for children's homes.