

Children's homes – Interim inspection

Inspection date	08/09/2016
Unique reference number	SC025664
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home
Registered provider	Ownlife Limited 02932099
Registered provider address	8 Poole Hill, Bournemouth BH2 5PS

Responsible individual	David Hastings
Registered manager	Annette Dume
Inspector	Seka Graovac

Inspection date	08/09/2016
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 the interim inspection that took place on 25 February 2016, the home was not judged. At this interim inspection, the home was not judged. In November 2015, the registered provider temporarily suspended the service. This was to redesign the environment and carry out a full refurbishment. At the time, the registered provider informed Ofsted that they were planning to complete the works within three months. Meanwhile, the initial plans have been changed to include more extensive building work and structural changes to the premises. The building work has not started. The registered provider is still waiting for the planning permission from the local authority. There is no clear indication when the home will be ready to consider admitting young people or even when the building work will start. The home has now been closed for 10 months. Following this inspection, a new condition was added to the home's registration. Should the home decide to accept placements, they are required to inform Ofsted of their intention before they do so. The registered provider must inform Ofsted of their intention to admit children and young people three months before a child's or young person's placement commences. The home's manager registered with Ofsted in April 2016. While the children's home is closed, the registered manager and staff work at the company's semi-independent services. To continue to learn and maintain the team spirit, they had a team development day in March 2016. The day focused on the analysis of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to the home, the children's homes regulations including the quality standards and the organisation's policies and procedures. These are some of the comments that staff members made in their evaluation of the day: 'very informative, engaging and interactive group work', 'I will be more thoughtful in my daily practices' and 'together we can achieve the best for our young people'. This report includes recommendations from the previous inspection to be checked when the service resumes.	

Information about this children's home

This privately owned home provides care and accommodation for up to three young people who may experience emotional and behavioural difficulties. The home is currently non-operational.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
25/02/2016	Interim	Not judged
13/05/2015	Full	Good
05/01/2015	Interim	Declined in effectiveness
25/07/2014	Full	Good

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

Recommendations

To improve the quality and standards of care further, the service should take account of the following recommendations:

- Ensure that children have access to a computer and the internet to support their education and learning. ('Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards', page , paragraph 5.19)
- Ensure that all records including those that are kept electronically can be easily accessed by anyone with a legitimate need to view them. ('Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards', page , paragraph 14.2)

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.

This 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 Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards'.

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