

## Children's homes - interim inspection

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| <b>Inspection date</b>           | <b>25/02/2016</b>                             |
| <b>Unique reference number</b>   | <b>SC025664</b>                               |
| <b>Type of inspection</b>        | <b>Interim</b>                                |
| <b>Provision subtype</b>         | <b>Children's home</b>                        |
| <b>Registered person</b>         | <b>Ownlife Limited 02932099</b>               |
| <b>Registered person address</b> | <b>8 Poole Hill, Bournemouth,<br/>BH2 5PS</b> |

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| <b>Responsible individual</b> | <b>David Hastings</b>                          |
| <b>Registered manager</b>     | <b>Annette Dume (registration in progress)</b> |
| <b>Inspector</b>              | <b>Seka Graovac</b>                            |

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| <b>Previous inspection judgement</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Good</b>       |
| <b>Enforcement action since last inspection</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>None</b>       |
| <b>This inspection</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                   |
| <p><b>The effectiveness of the home and the progress and experiences of children and young people since the most recent full inspection</b></p> <p>This home was judged <b>Good</b> at the full inspection. At this interim inspection, the home was '<b>Not judged</b>'.</p> <p>The home has been non-operational since 6 November 2015. The provider has temporarily suspended the service to redesign the environment and carry out a full refurbishment. They were hoping to complete the works within three months. However, obtaining the local authority's building control authorisation is taking longer than envisaged. The plan is now to reopen the service in May 2016.</p> <p>The registered manager resigned at the end of September 2015 to take a more senior position within the company. In October 2015, an experienced manager, previously registered with Ofsted applied to register as the manager for this home. There was a good handover period between the managers and the new manager's registration is in progress.</p> <p>While the children's home is closed, the manager and staff work at the company's semi-independent service. One young person moved to live there from this home. This means that she is experiencing continuity of supportive relationships. The managers and staff have stayed in touch with other young people from the home. They have let the young people know that although the home is currently closed, they are still there for them if they need emotional support.</p> <p>The manager has planned a training and development day for 25 March 2016. The day will focus on the analysis of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to the service, the Children's Homes Regulations including the quality standards and missing from care and child sexual exploitation.</p> <p>The manager and the team have continued to build on their skills and knowledge. They are using the time away from the children's home to reflect on their practice and expand their learning. They are looking forward to returning to the much-improved environment with renewed enthusiasm for their work and focus on children.</p> <p>This report includes recommendations from the last inspection to be checked when the service resumes.</p> |                   |

## 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.

## Recent inspection history

| Inspection date | Inspection type | Inspection judgement      |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 13/05/2015      | Full            | Good                      |
| 05/01/2015      | Interim         | Declined in effectiveness |
| 25/07/2014      | Full            | Good                      |
| 16/01/2014      | Interim         | Satisfactory Progress     |

## **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 recommendation(s):

- Ensure that children have access to a computer and the internet to support their education and learning (The Guide to the Quality Standards, page 29 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 (The Guide to the Quality Standards, page 61 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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