

Children's homes - interim inspection

Inspection date	29/03/2016
Unique reference number	SC025747
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home
Registered person	The Together Trust
Registered person address	The Together Trust Centre, Schools Hill, Cheadle, Cheshire, SK8 1JE

Responsible individual	Jill Sheldrake
Registered manager	Post Vacant
Inspector	Julia Toller

Inspection date	29/03/2016
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 this interim inspection the home was 'not judged'. The home has been closed since November 2015 for refurbishment. The registered provider has indicated that the home will not be operational until June 2016. Should the home decide to accept placements they are required to inform Ofsted of their intention to do so. No requirements or recommendations were made as a result of this inspection.	

Information about this children's home

This section should outline:

- the home is managed by a charitable organisation, providing care for up to 3 young people with emotional and behavioural difficulties, learning and physical disability.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
17/03/2016	CH - Interim	Not judged
23/02/2015	CH - Interim	sustained effectiveness
06/08/2014	CH - Full	Good
10/03/2014	CH - Interim	Good Progress

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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