

Inspection report for children's home

Unique reference number	SC025940
Inspector	Sandra Jacobs-Walls
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home

Registered person	Barnardo's
Registered person address	Barnardos, Head Office Tanners Lane, Barkingside ILFORD Essex IG6 1QG
Responsible individual	Suzanne Jane Turner-Jones
Registered manager	Lucellta Wallace-Esnard
Date of last inspection	14/01/2014

Inspection date	21/01/2015
Previous inspection	inadequate progress
Enforcement action since last inspection	None

This inspection

This home was judged good at the last full inspection. At this interim inspection the home was '**not judged**'.

At the time of this inspection there were no children or young people in placement at the home. Therefore this inspection focuses on whether the children's home meets its statutory requirements in order to maintain its registration and is ready to accept placements; as a result no judgment was made.

The service has had no young people in placement since July 2014. The home closed temporarily during the summer for major refurbishment. This was in order to alter the premises to build an additional two bedrooms. The home's existing registration allows for the accommodation of four young people only. The provider has very recently applied to Ofsted for a variation to the home's registration conditions. This is to increase the maximum number of young people accommodated by the home to six persons.

During the inspection, a tour of the premises was undertaken. There have been significant alterations made to the building since young people were last living at the home. Changes include the construction of the two additional bedrooms, the relocation and flitting of a new kitchen and newly constructed staff designated space. The entire building has been redecorated, making the environment and fabric of the building homely and pleasant. The provider anticipates building works to be complete in the forthcoming month.

Since the last inspection there is a new Registered Manager in place and a newly appointed Responsible Individual. The home's staff team have transferred to and work shifts at alternative services owned by the organisation. Staff are also currently undergoing an extensive programme of training including a focus on social pedagogy, safeguarding and training opportunities available online.

The previous inspection had resulted in one requirement and two recommendations.

These related to staff supervision and the home's emergency evacuation routines. All highlighted issues have since been resolved satisfactorily. This inspection finds that regulation 34, quality of care reports are not consistently being produced as required by the Regulations.

As there are currently no children on role, in line with Ofsted guidance, no inspection judgement is issued for this inspection.

Information about this children's home

This home is one of a small number of residential services run by a voluntary organisation. The purpose of the home is to provide long-term care and support for a maximum of four children or young people with severe learning and/ or physical disabilities.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
14/01/2014	Interim	inadequate progress
04/06/2013	Full	good
28/01/2013	Interim	satisfactory progress
20/08/2012	Full	adequate

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
34 (2001)	establish and maintain a system for monitoring the matters set out in Schedule 6 at least once in every 3 months. (Regulation 34(1)(a))	02/03/2015

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.