

SC030677

Registered provider: West Berkshire Council

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is owned and run by the local authority. It provides short breaks to children and young people who have physical and/or learning disabilities. The home is registered to provide care for up to six children and young people.

There has been no registered manager since October 2018.

Inspection date: 25 February 2020

Date of last inspection: 19 June 2019

Judgement at last inspection: requires improvement to be good

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 requires improvement to be good at the last full inspection. At this interim inspection the home was 'not judged'.

There are no children on roll. The home is currently closed while areas of the home are being refurbished.

The requirements made at the previous inspection are therefore repeated.

The interim manager is in the process of registering with Ofsted.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
19/06/2019	Full	Requires improvement to be good
04/12/2018	Full	Requires improvement to be good
27/02/2018	Full	Good
14/02/2017	Interim	Sustained effectiveness

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

Statutory requirements

This section sets out the actions that the registered person(s) must take to meet the Care Standards Act 2000, Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards'. The registered person(s) must comply within the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
In order to complete a quality of care review the registered person must establish and maintain a system for monitoring, reviewing and evaluating— the quality of care provided for children; the feedback and opinions of children about the children's home, its facilities and the quality of care they receive in it; and any actions that the registered person considers necessary in order to improve or maintain the quality of care provided for children. (Regulation 45 (2)(a)(b)(c))	31/08/2019
The registered person must maintain records ('case records') for each child which are kept up to date; and are signed and dated by the author of each entry. (Regulation 36 (1)(b)(c))	31/08/2019
The leadership and management standard is that the registered person enables, inspires and leads a culture in relation to the children's home that— helps children aspire to fulfil their potential; and promotes their welfare. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to— use monitoring and review systems to make continuous improvements in the quality of care provided in the home. (Regulation 13 (1)(a)(b)(2)(h))	31/08/2019

Information about this inspection

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.

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people, using the 'Social care common inspection framework'. This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000 to assess the effectiveness of the service, how it meets the core functions of the service as set out in legislation, 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'.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: SC030677

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: West Berkshire Council

Registered provider address: Victoria Park Children's Centre, Newbury RG14 1EH

Responsible individual: Jane Seymour

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Amanda Harvey, Social Care Inspector

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