

Children's homes – Interim inspection

Inspection date	23/02/2017
Unique reference number	SC031479
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home
Registered provider	London Borough of Southwark
Registered provider's address	London Borough of Southwark, Play Service, 285 Albany Road, London, London SE5 0AH
Responsible individual	Fiona Wasdell
Registered manager	Michael Garrity
Inspector	Seka Graovac

Inspection date	23/02/2017
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 remained closed, while a full refurbishment is carried out. The home was also not judged at the previous inspection, in November 2016. The building work commenced this week. It is due to be completed by August 2017. The local authority is planning to reopen the service early in the autumn of 2017. When the local authority decides that the home is ready to start providing short breaks, the registered persons are required to inform Ofsted of their intention before they do so. They must inform Ofsted three months in advance of their intention to recommence a short-breaks service for any child or young person at this children's home. While this home is closed, the local authority has continued to provide the same short-breaks service from a different site in the borough. These different premises have been registered with Ofsted as a children's home and with the Care Quality Commission as a care home for adults. This newly registered service is subject to regular inspection and regulatory activities.	

Information about this children's home

This is a local authority service. It provides short breaks for up to five children who have complex learning and/or physical disabilities and challenging behaviours. Children usually stay from Monday to Friday or at weekends. The children's respite service shares the building and the garden with a similar service for adults. Locked doors separate these two services. There is one registered manager for both the children's and adults' services. All staff also work across both provisions. The Care Quality Commission regulates and inspects the adult service. This home is currently non-operational.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
01/11/2016	Interim	Not judged
19/01/2016	Interim	Improved effectiveness
17/09/2015	Full	Good
12/02/2015	Interim	Sustained effectiveness

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 that 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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