

Children's homes - interim inspection

Inspection date	17 March 2016
Unique reference number	SC035428
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home
Registered provider	Lancashire County Council
Registered provider address	Lancashire County Council, PO Box 162, Preston, PR1 3EA
Responsible individual	Paul McIntyre
Registered manager	Post Vacant
Inspector	Julia Toller

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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 December 2015. The registered provider has indicated that the home will not be operational in the near future due to the need for refurbishment and review of the statement of purpose and function for the home. 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

- the home is local authority managed and provides short term breaks for young people.
- the home is registered to care for 4 young people with physical and learning disability and sensory impairment

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
27/03/2015	CH - Interim	sustained effectiveness
18/12/2014	CH - Full	Good
28/01/2014	CH - Interim	Good Progress
15/08/2013	CH - Full	Outstanding

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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