

SC035428

Registered provider: Lancashire County Council

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is registered to provide care and accommodation to children or young people who have complex care needs. The home is operated by the local authority.

Inspection date: 29 May 2018

Judgement at last inspection: not judged

Date of last inspection: 26 March 2018

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'.

This home has not accommodated children for three years. This inspection was carried out to check that the home continues to meet the requirements of registration, as the home now wishes to re-open. There were no children or young people living at the home at the time of the inspection.

An updated statement of purpose is in place, and this describes the aims and objectives of the service. The home has been refurbished to a good standard and there is evidence that appropriate health and safety procedures are followed to ensure that the accommodation remains safe and fit for purpose.

A manager is in place and is in the process of applying for registration with Ofsted. A staff team has been appointed and, at the time of the inspection, staff were in the process of undertaking induction training.

A full inspection of the home will be carried out within six months.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
26/03/2018	Interim	Not judged
02/03/2018	Interim	Not judged
28/03/2017	Interim	Not judged
24/03/2017	Interim	Not judged

Information about this inspection

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people. Inspectors considered the quality of work and the difference made to the lives of children and young people. They watched how professional staff work with children and young people and each other and discussed the effectiveness of help and care provided. Wherever possible, they talked to children and 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 whom 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.

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: SC035428

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider address: PO Box 78, Lancashire County Council, Preston, Lancashire PR1 8XJ

Responsible individual: Paul McIntyre

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspectors

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