

Children's homes - interim inspection

Inspection date	23/03/2016
Unique reference number	SC036186
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home
Registered person	Derbyshire County Council
Registered person address	County Hall, Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 3AG

Responsible individual	Beverley Milway
Registered manager	Application in process
Inspector	Amanda Ellis

Inspection date	23/03/2016
Previous inspection judgement	Outstanding
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 Outstanding at the full inspection. At this interim inspection Ofsted judge that it has sustained effectiveness.	
The appointment of a new, suitably experienced and knowledgeable manager for this home has provided effective leadership for this service. The new manager has submitted an application to register with Ofsted. She has developed, and is implementing, a range of systems to improve care delivery. These include revised care and placement documents, risk assessments and consultation documents. These improvements build upon the recommendations made at the full inspection in January 2016, and ensure delivery of consistently high quality care. Children and young people who access short breaks through this provision have learning disabilities, significant health needs, associated physical disabilities and sensory impairment. The staff team has the relevant skills, knowledge and person-specific training to meet a diverse range of physical, health and medical needs. Medication training is up to date, and staff participate in specialist training, including epilepsy and gastrostomy care. This ensures all children and young people receive robust and safe health care. Children and young people benefit from access to a wide range of stimulating activities that provide new and challenging experiences. They integrate into the local community during their stays at the home. One social worker said: 'Staff encourage children and young people to engage in activities that promote the development of social skills...as well as understanding of themselves and the world around them.' A parent said: 'He loves his stays! Staff take him out and make it fun when they stay in. He has made some good friends in the home.' Children and young people thrive because of the range of activities and the high level of attention provided. The service provision effectively safeguards and meets the needs of vulnerable children and young people. Staff have up-to-date and regularly refreshed training on a range of safeguarding topics. One social worker said: 'Children and young people who attend this provision enjoy their stays, settle and are safe.' A parent commented: 'It is a very good place. It is brilliant for my son. He is safe and well looked after.'	

Internal and external quality assurance processes promote improvements in service delivery. The interim development and improvement plan reflects proposals for continued improvement. This tool enables effective measurement of progress of the short and longer-term goals and objectives for the home. The manager has a clear vision of the direction of the service and is proactive in implementing improvement plans.

Information about this children's home

A local authority operates this registered children's home. The home provides care for up to eight children and young people with learning and/or physical disabilities, including sensory impairment, under short-break arrangements.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
13/01/2016	Full	Outstanding
12/03/2015	Interim	Improved Effectiveness
31/12/2014	Full	Good
19/03/2014	Interim	Good Progress

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.

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