

Inspection report for children's home

Unique reference number	SC036240
Inspector	Rosemary Chapman
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home

Registered person	Derby City Council
Registered person address	Treasurers Department Council House, Corporation Street DERBY DE1 2FE
Responsible individual	Rodney Leopold Jones
Registered manager	Patricia Irene Topliss
Date of last inspection	15/10/2014

Inspection date	20/02/2015
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Previous inspection	good
Enforcement action since last inspection	none

This inspection

This home was judged good at the last full inspection. At this interim inspection the home was '**not judged**'.

This interim inspection was carried out by telephone. The home has been closed for five weeks. The registered provider has indicated that the home will not be operational for another 12 months. Should the home decide to accept any placements they are required to inform Ofsted of their intention before they do so.

The provider has a comprehensive programme of refurbishment of the local authority's children's homes which is being implemented on a staged basis. This home forms part of that programme. It is being completely rebuilt on the same site to provide more appropriate accommodation for children and young people. The manager, staff team, children and young people moved to another children's home, operated by the same provider, on 16 January 2015. The move was very well planned, with children and young people from both homes meeting each other and visiting the alternative premises prior to the move. Children and young people were consulted throughout as managers and staff were aware of the enormity of the upheaval for everyone concerned. They will remain at the other home until this home is rebuilt. All the relevant records have transferred with them to ensure continuity of care and support, with historical records being appropriately archived. Prior to the home becoming operational again, Ofsted will undertake a visit to the premises to ensure it is suitable.

Information about this children's home

The home is operated by a local authority and provides medium to long-term care for up to six young people with emotional and behavioural difficulties. There is a flat to enable young people to acquire independence skills.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
15/10/2014	Full	good
31/03/2014	Interim	good progress
14/01/2014	Full	good
09/01/2013	Interim	good progress

What inspection judgements mean

At the interim inspections 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

The purpose of this inspection is to assure children and young people, parents, the public, local authorities and government of the quality and standard of the service provided. The 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 relevant regulations and meets the national minimum standards.

The report details the main strengths, any areas for improvement, including any breaches of regulation, and any failure to meet national minimum standards. The judgements included in the report are made against the framework of inspection for children's homes.