

Children's homes - interim inspection

Inspection date	30/09/2015
Unique reference number	SC036240
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 Jones
Registered manager	Patricia Topliss
Inspector	Ros Chapman

Inspection date	30/09/2015
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 January 2015. The registered provider has indicated that the home will not be operational until February 2016. 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. 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

This local authority children's home is registered to provide care and accommodation for six children with emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
20/02/2015	Interim	Not judged
15/10/2014	Full	Good
31/03/2014	Interim	Good Progress
14/01/2014	Full	Good

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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