

Children's homes - interim inspection

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Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home
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Inspector	Caroline Jones

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Previous inspection judgement	Good
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 full inspection. At this interim inspection Ofsted judge that it has sustained effectiveness. The progress and experience of young people with complex needs and disabilities remains steady. They continue to receive high quality care in a caring, supportive and homely environment. They are attending school, participating in a range of activities and learning new skills, such as attending to personal care and having haircuts for the first time ever. These are fine examples of them growing in confidence and trust. Young people have easy access to health care services to meet their needs. A qualified company nurse is also on-hand to provide support to both young people and the staff. Systems for the administration of medication are safe and effective as there have been no errors. The staff are also first aid trained to ensure their competence and safer caring. Young people's placements remain stable and they are settled living here. The staff continue to forge good relationships with them and work in partnerships with their parents and social workers. This ensures that all information is shared so that their likes, dislikes, and personal needs are fully understood and very well met. Moreover, detailed written care plans fully support and guide care practice. Young people are safe and their families have a strong sense of their safety. There are no serious incidents or allegations. Physical interventions with young people are analysed to spot triggers and trends to improve practice. This is successful, as these are reducing significantly in frequency. The deputy manager is also an advanced trainer in a certified method of physical intervention and well informed of the latest research and developments in practice. Monitoring processes are effective in ensuring quality and professional care practice. The Registered Manager is clear about the strengths and weaknesses of the home and plans for developing the sensory garden and improving communication strategies with young people are underway. The recommendation from the last inspection is also addressed. Namely, supervision now allows sufficient time for the staff to reflect on their care practice.	

Information about this children's home

This is a privately owned children's home. It provides care and accommodation for up to four children with learning disabilities. All the children attend the company school.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
05/01/2016	CH - Full	Good
02/03/2015	CH - Interim	improved effectiveness
12/05/2014	CH - Full	Good
27/03/2014	CH - 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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