

SC047483

Registered provider: Mulberry House Care Homes Limited

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is one of four homes operated by a private company. It offers long-term care and accommodation for two young people who have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

Inspection date: 5 February 2018

Judgement at last inspection: not judged

Date of last inspection: 15 May 2017

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'.

Since the last interim inspection on 15 May 2017, the home has remained closed.

When the registered provider decides that the home should accept placements, they are required to inform Ofsted of their intention to do so.

The registered provider has appointed a new manager. The new manager is in the process of submitting an application to register with Ofsted. The responsible individual and new manager are in the process of organising a staff team. Some team members will transfer from other homes within the organisation to work at this home and other staff will be newly recruited.

The responsible person is updating the home's statement of purpose and will submit this document to Ofsted prior to the home reopening. The responsible person and the new

manager are making arrangements to update all health and safety checks, to ensure that the home provides a safe environment for young people. The responsible person is required to provide Ofsted with information about the outcome of these checks before young people are admitted to the home.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
15/05/2017	Interim	Not judged
13/01/2017	Interim	Declined in effectiveness
13/07/2016	Full	Good
23/02/2016	Interim	Improved effectiveness

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 differences 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: SC047483

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Mulberry House Care Homes Limited

Registered provider address: Tollgate Business Centre, Tollgate Drive, Stafford, Staffordshire ST16 3HS

Responsible individual: Karen Ingley

Registered manager: Post vacant

Inspector

Jackie Line, social care inspector

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