

# SC047483

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 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:** 15 May 2017

**Judgement at last inspection:** Declined in effectiveness

**Date of last inspection:** 13 January 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'.

The home has been closed for one month. The registered provider has indicated that the home will not be operational for three months. Should the home decide to accept placements, it is required to inform Ofsted of its intention before it does so.

## Recent inspection history

| Inspection date | Inspection type | Inspection judgement      |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 13/01/2017      | Interim         | Declined in effectiveness |
| 13/07/2016      | Full            | Good                      |
| 23/02/2016      | Interim         | Improved effectiveness    |
| 30/07/2015      | Full            | Requires improvement      |

## 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 difference 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 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.

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, Staffordshire ST16 3HS

**Responsible individual:** Karen Ingleby

**Registered manager:** Post vacant

## Inspector

Michelle Spruce: social care regulatory inspector

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