

SC047483

Mulberry House Care Homes Limited

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is 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: 19 March 2019

This monitoring visit

This monitoring visit took place to review the progress made in addressing the shortfalls which led to the suspension of the home's registration. The company was taken over by new owners in December 2018. The new owners chose to keep the home closed when the suspension was lifted on 4 December 2018. This was to enable them to refurbish the home, put a registered manager in place and ensure that there were enough trained and qualified staff to meet the needs of children before it reopened.

The new, experienced manager registered with Ofsted in February 2019. The home has been completely refurbished to a very high standard. It is welcoming, comfortable and safe. Children's bedrooms are ready to move into and to personalise.

The new owners and manager have addressed the shortfalls identified at the previous inspection. New recording systems are in place to support managerial monitoring and oversight as well as to prompt staff action. Rigorous staff recruitment ensures that safe adults are employed to work with children. New staff have a thorough induction and training plan to equip them with the knowledge and skills to meet children's needs. The new registered manager is experienced in matching children appropriately and is committed to ensuring that children who come to live at the home are compatible with each other. The registered manager is enthusiastic about the new home and has worked hard to ensure a positive, fresh start for the provision. These changes now need to become embedded in the home and in practice.

It is evident that the new owners have invested strongly in the home and staff. The home is now ready to reopen and to accommodate children.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
05/02/2018	Interim	Not judged
15/05/2017	Interim	Not judged
13/01/2017	Interim	Declined in effectiveness
13/07/2016	Full	Good

Information about this inspection

The purpose of this visit was to monitor the action taken and the progress made by the children's home since its last Ofsted inspection.

This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000.

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: Philip McVay

Registered manager: Ruth Houlston

Inspector

Louise Whittle, social care inspector

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