

Children's homes – Interim inspection

Inspection date	06/09/2016
Unique reference number	SC062013
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home
Registered provider	After Care (NW) Limited
Registered provider address	31–33 Houghton Street, Southport, Merseyside PR9 0NS

Responsible individual	Timothy Blundell
Registered manager	Ian Wilson
Inspector	Elaine Allison

Inspection date	06/09/2016
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 adequate at the last full inspection. At this interim inspection, the home was not judged. The home has been closed since September 2014. The registered provider informed Ofsted in a meeting on 7 September 2016 that it will not be operational for at least the next three months. Should the home decide to accept placements, it is required to inform Ofsted of its intention before it does so.	

Information about this children's home

A private organisation operates this children's home. It is registered to care for up to three young people of either gender. The home cares for young people with emotional and behavioural difficulties.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
08/02/2016	Interim	Not judged
24/11/2015	Interim	Not judged
14/01/2015	Interim	Not judged
02/07/2014	Full	Adequate

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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