

Children's homes - interim inspection

Inspection date	08/02/2016
Unique reference number	SC062013
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home
Registered person	After Care (N W) Limited
Registered person address	31-33 Hoghton Street, SOUTHPORT, Merseyside, PR9 0NS

Responsible individual	Timothy Blundell
Registered manager	Ian Wilson
Inspector	Elaine Allison

Inspection date	08/02/2016
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 not judged 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 8 February 2016 that it will not be operational for at least the next three months. Should the home decide to accept placements they are required to inform Ofsted of their intention before they do so.	

Information about this children's home

A private organisation operates this children's home. It is registered to care for up to 3 young people, of both genders. The home cares for young people with emotional and behavioural difficulties.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
14/01/2015	CH - Interim	Not judged
02/07/2014	CH - Full	Adequate
30/01/2014	CH - Interim	Satisfactory Progress
03/06/2013	CH - Full	Good

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.

This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000 to assess the effectiveness of the service 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*.

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