

Inspection report for children's home

Unique reference number	SC062013
Inspector	Helen Humphreys
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 Arthur Blundell
Registered manager	Ian Wilson
Date of last inspection	02/07/2014

Inspection date	14/01/2015
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Previous inspection	adequate
Enforcement action since last inspection	none

This 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 23 December 2014 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
02/07/2014	Full	adequate
30/01/2014	Interim	satisfactory progress
03/06/2013	Full	good
06/11/2012	Full	adequate

What inspection judgements mean

At the interim inspections 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

The purpose of this inspection is to assure children and young people, parents, the public, local authorities and government of the quality and standard of the service provided. The 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 relevant regulations and meets the national minimum standards.

The report details the main strengths, any areas for improvement, including any breaches of regulation, and any failure to meet national minimum standards. The judgements included in the report are made against the framework of inspection for children's homes.