

Inspection report for children's home

Unique reference number	SC062931
Inspector	Paul Taylor
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home

Registered manager	Ty Warncken
Date of last inspection	07/01/2014

Inspection date	23/03/2015
Previous inspection	satisfactory progress
Enforcement action since last inspection	none

This inspection

This home was judged good at the last full inspection. At this interim inspection Ofsted judge that it has **improved effectiveness**.

At the last inspection in January 2015, the home was judged to be good. One requirement and four recommendations were made. These have all been addressed.

A requirement relating to the appointment of a Registered Manager has been met. The home has a suitably qualified and experienced manager. This provides the necessary management and leadership of the home. Additionally, the Registered Manager has been instrumental in ensuring that the requirement and recommendations made at the last inspection have been addressed. This provides evidence of improvement and the monitoring of practice and meeting regulatory obligations.

Since the last inspection, the home has revised risk assessments relating to use of the internet and a blanket rule restricting items, such as make up, being allowed to be kept in young people's rooms. This has meant that the home is less risk averse and that all risks are assessed on an individual basis. This has meant that the young people have suitable access to the internet. 'It's much better, I can email my mum now' is a comment from a young person.

All visitors are now asked promptly to put their details in the visitor's book when they arrive at the home. This ensures that there is a record of everyone who is in the home and that all members of staff are aware of who is on the premises.

The Registered Manager now ensures that all records are signed legibly so that the author of any document can be easily identified.

Young people continue to benefit from being placed at this home. 'It's all going good here, I like it' is a comment from a young person. Young people continue to make progress, especially when bearing in mind their starting points. Attendance at

education is embedded into the routine and young people enjoy the company and support of the adults who care for them. 'I like my key workers, I can talk to them, they're nice' says a young person.

Members of staff work cohesively and consistently so that young people benefit from stability and clear routines. 'This is a well-run house, we've got a good team' is a comment from a member of staff. The consistent care and clear boundaries have enabled young people to be safe in the home. Incidents of restraint are rare and young people have not been missing from the home since the last inspection.

A record of sanctions is completed when they have been imposed for misbehaviour. The effectiveness of these is not always consistently recorded. Although the behaviour is reflected upon and recorded in subsequent key work sessions, information regarding the effectiveness of the sanction is not always evident in the main record of sanctions. While this shortfall has not had an impact on the well-being of the young people, the information required by regulation is not consistently recorded.

Information about this children's home

This home is run by a private organisation. It provides care for no more than three young people with emotional and behavioural difficulties.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
07/01/2014	Interim	satisfactory progress
06/08/2013	Full	good
29/01/2013	Interim	good progress
20/06/2012	Full	good

What does the children's home need to do to improve further?

Statutory Requirements

This section sets out the actions which must be taken so that the registered person/s meets the Care Standards Act 2000, Children's Homes Regulations 2001 and the National Minimum Standards. The registered person(s) must comply with the given timescales.

Reg.	Requirement	Due date
17B (2001)	ensure that within 24 hours of the use of any measure of control, restraint or discipline in a children's home, a written record is made in a volume kept for the purpose of which shall include the effectiveness and any consequence of the use of the measure. (Regulation 17B (1) (f))	31/03/2015

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.