

Children's homes - interim inspection

Inspection date	15/02/2016
Unique reference number	SC064027
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home
Registered person	Delam Care Limited
Registered person address	Metropolitan House, 5th Floor, 3 Darkes Lane, POTTERS BAR, Hertfordshire, EN6 1AG

Responsible individual	Mark O'Donnell
Registered manager	Karen Danby
Inspector	Louise Battersby

Inspection date	15/02/2016
Previous inspection judgement	Good
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 Good at the full inspection. At this interim inspection Ofsted judge that it has sustained effectiveness. There were no requirements or recommendations raised at the last inspection. Young people continue to make good progress. Staff use sensitive planning to aid successful transitions. Recent transitions have been enriched by staff working in close collaboration with parents and the local authority to identify appropriate placements. For example, one parent commented 'The staff are lovely, they do what they can with [my son]. They have worked with me to get an adult placement'. Staff provide a safe and homely environment for young people to enjoy. Young people are supported to communicate about how they feel. Staff regularly use pictorial communication to help secure meaningful engagement. As a result, young people are able to express their views and be involved in decisions which affect them. Young people's behaviour is very well managed. Physical intervention is rare. Where this is used it has been appropriate and the manager has completed an evaluation of the incidents. Young people's whereabouts are always known and there are no occasions of young people going missing. Staff provide sensitive and well planned care to meet the specific needs of each young person. Recently a young person won the company's art competition. The staff and young person are very proud of this achievement. As a consequence of this, the young person's self-esteem and confidence has been enhanced. All young people are attending education. Their attendances levels are high. Staff maintain regular communication between the school and the home. The registered manager challenges other professionals when necessary to gain the best outcomes for young people. Young people have access to a good range of activities. They have a sensory room and regularly access the outdoor play equipment. The young people go out into the community and access soft play centres and visit places such as the seaside.	

Information about this children's home

This is a privately owned children's home that provides care and accommodation for up to six children and young people, who have a learning disability.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
30/06/2015	CH - Full	Good
12/03/2015	CH - Interim	Sustained effectiveness
17/12/2014	CH - Full	Good
26/03/2014	CH - Interim	Good progress

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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