

SC067052

Registered provider: Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

Inspection date: 14 February 2019

Judgement at last inspection: good

Date of last inspection: 18 September 2018

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

This is a local authority children's home. It is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to four young people who may have emotional and/or behavioural and/or learning difficulties.

The manager was registered by Ofsted in April 2017. She is an experienced social care professional and is currently working towards the relevant management qualification.

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 last full inspection.

At this interim inspection the home was not judged.

There have been no children or young people living at the home since 12 December 2018, following a fire in the home. During discussions with the provider, they confirmed that the home remains temporarily closed to enable a complete refurbishment of the environment. The current statement of purpose and the ethos for the home remain under review and an update will be provided to Ofsted when the home plans to reopen. The previous requirements will be considered at the next full inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
18/09/2018	Full	Good
18/07/2017	Full	Requires improvement to be good
02/02/2017	Interim	Sustained effectiveness
01/06/2016	Full	Good

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

Statutory requirements

This section sets out the actions that the registered person(s) must take to meet the Care Standards Act 2000, Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards'. The registered person(s) must comply within the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
The protection of children standard is that children are protected from harm and enabled to keep themselves safe. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure that the home's day-to-day care is arranged and delivered so as to keep each child safe and to protect each child effectively from harm. (Regulation 12(1), (2)(b)) This specifically relates to offering admission only to children whose needs have been carefully considered. The impact of these admissions on children living in the home must also be evaluated and carefully risk assessed.	30/11/2018
The registered person must keep the statement of purpose under review and, where appropriate, revise it; and notify HMCI of any revision and send HMCI a copy of the revised statement within 28 days of the revision. (Regulation 16(3)(a)(b))	30/11/2018
The registered person must ensure that an independent person visits the children's home at least once each month. When the independent person is carrying out a visit, the registered person must help the independent person, if they consent, to interview in private such of the children, their parents and relatives, as the independent person requires. The independent person must provide a copy of the independent person's report to HMCI. (Regulation 44(1), (2)(a), (7))	30/11/2018

Information about this inspection

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people. Inspectors considered the quality of work and the difference made to the lives of children and young people. They watched how professional staff work with children and young people and each other and discussed the effectiveness of help and care provided. Wherever possible, they talked to children and 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 whom 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.

Using the 'Social care common inspection framework', this inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000 to assess the effectiveness of the service, how it meets the core functions of the service as set out in legislation, 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'.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: SC067052

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider address: Town Hall, Victoria Square, PO Box 29, Bolton BL1 1RU

Responsible individual: Bernadette Brown

Registered manager: Natalie Ofori

Inspector

Jo Hornby, social care inspector

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