

Inspection report for children's home

Unique reference number	SC067839
Inspector	Sandra King
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home

Registered person	Future In Mind Limited
Registered person address	3 West Street BOLTON BL1 4RE

Responsible individual	Maria Geraldine H Taylor
Registered manager	Jolanda Patricia Brookes
Date of last inspection	06/01/2015

Inspection date	13/03/2015
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Previous inspection	good
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 **sustained effectiveness**.

The home was last inspected in January 2015. The overall quality of the service was judged as good. One requirement and four recommendations were made. One recommendation has not been met and has been re-instated as a result of this inspection.

Since the last inspection all staff have received regular supervision and their annual appraisals completed. Young people have contributed to all staff appraisals. This ensures young people's views inform practice. Managers have implemented a procedure to ensure the training programme for staff is evaluated on an annual basis to ensure its effectiveness.

The care provided to young people supports and encourages them to develop their self-esteem and confidence. Young people are not engaged in risk-taking behaviour. Whilst, not all young people are attending education, their emotional and attachment needs are understood and acted on by staff. As a result, the home has worked with partnership agencies in developing an action plan to support attendance at school.

There has been an increase of physical interventions since the last inspection. The Registered Manager and the staff group are aware of the reasons for the increase. They continue to work with young people and the therapist in order to support young people through a period of transition. All records fully reflect regulations and are stored confidentially.

There have been some changes within the staff team. On the whole young people benefit from positive relationships with staff. Young people do not always experience good relationships with each other. The home continues to work with young people to improve relationships and as a result there have been no issues of bullying.

Risk assessment for the location of the home is not fully sufficient. It fails to provide details of the potential impact if young people were to go missing from the home. Although, young people rarely go missing, there remain areas within the locality that could be harmful to young people. A recommendation has been re-instated to address this shortfall.

The home has had some improvement in the décor of the home. Young people's bedrooms are personalised to their needs.

Information about this children's home

This children's home is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to two young people with emotional and behavioural difficulties. The home is privately owned and the organisation operates other children's homes in the area.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
06/01/2015	Full	good
13/03/2014	Interim	good progress
05/12/2013	Full	good
21/03/2013	Interim	satisfactory progress

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

Recommendations

To improve the quality and standards of care further the service should take account of the following recommendation(s):

- ensure the home's location and design promotes children's health, safety and wellbeing and avoids factors such as excessive isolation and areas that present significant risks to children (NMS 10.2)

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.