

Children's homes - interim inspection

Inspection date	31/03/2016
Unique reference number	SC067839
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 Taylor
Registered manager	Jolanda Brookes
Inspector	Michelle Spruce

Inspection date	31/03/2016
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 improved effectiveness. The requirements made at the last full inspection have not been monitored due to the inspection taking place before the date of completion. As a result of this inspection, one requirement has been made. Since the last inspection in January 2016, the manager has continued to improve the service. Young people continue to live in a home environment that protects them and keeps them safe. Staff know the young people well and work hard to build trusting relationships. Staff work closely with young people to explore the risks. For one young person this has extended to using video clips about stranger danger and how to safely cross the road. The voice of young people is heard and acted on. Staff are proactive in providing regular opportunities for young people to have their say. As a result, contact with young people's family has improved. This has been as a direct result of staff listening to the requests of a young person. There has been one placement breakdown since the last inspection. Prior to this placement ending, staff worked in close partnership with external professionals to ensure a suitable placement was found. However, regardless of the efforts of staff, the young person disengaged. This resulted in an emergency placement needing to be found. The manager continues to offer advice and support to help the young person settle in the new home. Contact remains open and the manager confirms telephone calls are exchanged and the young person says she is happy. This demonstrates the quality of care staff provide even after leaving the service. This continues to show young people that they are loved and cared for. Young people improve their psychological and physical well-being. They are fit and healthy and benefit from a good balanced diet. Regular physical exercise is encouraged by staff and young people actively participate. Recently a young person joined a new football club. This extends his social circle, improves his football skills and fitness. Additional therapy sessions are often requested by young people, this helps them to explore issues of their choice. As a result, life story work	

has started to take place. This has significantly impacted on young people wanting more contact with family members.

Young people continue to enjoy their education and continue to attend maintaining excellent attendance. Staff promote learning and have set up a book library. This has provided more opportunities for learning. As a result, young people request a book to read at bed time rather than wanting to watch the television.

The manager continues to monitor the service. However, some records do not cross reference from one to the other. This means some records held do not give a clear reflection of events and may not provide accurate data for quality assurance purposes.

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/or 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
27/01/2016	CH - Full	Good
13/03/2015	CH - Interim	Sustained effectiveness
06/01/2015	CH - Full	Good
13/03/2014	CH - Interim	Good progress

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

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 (England) Regulations 2015 and the *Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards*. The registered person(s) must comply with the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
The registered person must maintain records ("case records") for each child which are kept up to date.(Regulation 36(1)(b))	30/04/2016

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.

This 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 Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the *Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards*.

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