

Inspection report for children's home

Unique reference number	SC069474
Inspector	Anna Williams
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home

Registered person	Anderida Adolescent Care Limited
Registered person address	Anderida Adolescent Care Neville Mews, 6A Neville Road EASTBOURNE East Sussex BN22 8HR
Responsible individual	Erica Jane Scott
Registered manager	Erica Jane Scott
Date of last inspection	30/01/2014

Inspection date	03/09/2014
Previous inspection	good progress
Enforcement action since last inspection	There has been no enforcement action since the last inspection.

This inspection

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

Some young people in the home are reported missing on a regular basis. These episodes of missing are not decreasing. Staff maintain detailed records of where they search for young people, and of all attempts made to contact young people while they are away from the home. Staff attend relevant strategy meetings to discuss the risky behaviours some young people are displaying. However, the home has not formally requested a review of one young person's care plan for being persistently absent without permission from the children's home. This means a formal evaluation of this young person's care plan has not taken place to review whether the current plan remains suitable.

Internal monitoring reports are undertaken quarterly. However, although consultation with young people, placing social workers and parents takes place, this is not included within these reports. As a result, the Registered Manager is not fully evaluating the feedback received, to look for patterns and trends. This shortfall has minimal impact on young people.

Some young people have left the home since the last inspection. These have been planned moves. Some young people have successfully moved into supported living accommodation. This has been following effective transition planning where young people have made good progress in gaining independence and life skills, such as budgeting and cooking. Some young people have left and have successfully achieved an apprenticeship. Some young people within the home attend regular therapy sessions with the in-house psychologist. This benefits their emotional well-being.

There were no requirements or recommendations set at the last inspection. Progress towards the home's development plan is good. The home continues to be

maintained to a good standard. As part of the home's improvement plan, the Registered Manager has involved young people in the re-decoration and planning for the refurbishment of the kitchen and dining area. This will update and refresh these communal areas. Currently senior staff within the home and the organisation are undertaking further therapeutic training. This is part of a long-term strategy to offer young people a wider range of therapeutic interventions.

The deputy manager is currently undertaking the diploma level 5 in health and social care residential leadership. This will widen their knowledge base and management skills. This also demonstrates good succession planning if the Registered Manager was to be away for any length of time.

There have been two complaints from young people since the last inspection. These have been fully investigated and outcomes achieved. This demonstrates to young people that their views are listened to and acted upon. One external complaint has been suitably addressed. The Registered Manager demonstrates learning and reflection on all the complaints received in order to further improve practice.

The home continues to work effectively in partnership with external agencies such as the virtual school, local police and local 'young runaways service' who facilitate return interviews. Allegations or suspicions of harm are promptly shared with external safeguarding agencies for consultation and appropriate action taken. This safeguards young people. Significant events relating to the safety and welfare of children have been notified to Ofsted appropriately. This ensures the regulator is kept up-to-date with matters of safeguarding within the home. There has been one restraint since the last inspection. Records demonstrate the restraint was proportionate and necessary to prevent significant harm to others.

Information about this children's home

This children's home is registered to accommodate three young people with emotional and/or behavioural difficulties. It is owned by a private organisation.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
30/01/2014	Interim	good progress
23/04/2013	Full	good
15/01/2013	Interim	good progress
30/10/2012	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
16 (2001)	ensure that where the registered person considers that a child who is accommodated in the children's home and for whom a care plan has been prepared (a) is, or has been, persistently absent without permission from the children's home; or (b) is at risk of harm, the registered person shall ask the local authority that looks after that child to review that child's care plan (Regulation 16 (6))	27/10/2014
34 (2001)	ensure the system for improving the quality of care provided in the children's home shall provide for consultation with children accommodated in the home, their parents and placing authorities. (Regulation 34 (3))	27/10/2014

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.