

Children's homes – Interim inspection

Inspection date	31/08/2016
Unique reference number	SC357468
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home
Registered provider	Time-Out Children's Homes Limited
Registered provider address	7 St Petersgate, Stockport, Cheshire SK1 1EB

Responsible individual	Janet Lumb
Registered manager	Jennifer Williams
Inspector	Janine Shortman-Thomas

Inspection date	31/08/2016
Previous inspection judgement	Not judged
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 last full inspection. At this interim inspection, the home was 'not judged'. The home has been closed since February 2015. The registered manager, who manages this and another children's home, is suitably qualified and experienced. The manager has specified that the home will not consider any new referrals for this home until it has identified a suitably qualified and experienced staff team. The manager is aware of the present conditions in place and she has given her assurances that Ofsted will be provided with an up-to-date statement of purpose and informed, prior to any new referrals being accepted for this home. The manager continues to ensure that the electrical, gas and fire equipment is monitored and serviced regularly. Furthermore, internal and external monitoring of the home ensures that any areas for improvements are identified and addressed promptly. Consequently, the home continues to function safely and maintains its conditions of registration. The inspector was unable to corroborate whether appropriate action has been taken to address the two requirements previously raised. These requirements were in reference to ensuring that there is a sufficient number of permanent, suitably qualified, competent and experienced staff working in the home, and to seeking consent from young people, their families and placing authorities for the independent visitor to consult and view young people's files. Therefore, these requirements have been re-issued.	

Information about this children's home

This children's home is registered to provide care and support for one young person with emotional and/or behavioural difficulties. This home enlists the support of a clinical psychologist in the implementation of its care planning for children and young people.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
11/03/2016	Interim	Not judged
09/12/2015	Interim	Not judged
04/02/2015	Interim	Declined in effectiveness
25/06/2014	Full	Good

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

Statutory requirements

This section sets out the actions that must be taken so that the registered persons 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 persons must comply within the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
The registered person must only employ an individual to work at the children's home if the individual has the appropriate experience, qualifications and skills for the work that the individual is to perform. (Regulation 32(2)(a)(3)(b))	27/05/2016
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, relatives and persons working in the home as the independent person requires. (Regulation 44(2)(a))	27/05/2016

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 that 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 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.

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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