

Inspection report for children's home

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| <b>Unique reference number</b> | SC366343          |
| <b>Inspector</b>               | Maria McGranaghan |
| <b>Type of inspection</b>      | Interim           |
| <b>Provision subtype</b>       | Children's home   |

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| <b>Registered person</b>         | Maple Leaf Care Limited                      |
| <b>Registered person address</b> | 16a Regent Road Altrincham Cheshire WA14 1RP |

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| <b>Responsible individual</b>  | Morgiana Muni Nazerali |
| <b>Registered manager</b>      | Nicola Jayne Higham    |
| <b>Date of last inspection</b> | 26/09/2014             |

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| <b>Inspection date</b>                   | 10/01/2015  |
| Previous inspection                      | outstanding |
| Enforcement action since last inspection | none        |

## This inspection

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

The purpose of this visit is to assess the progress made since the last inspection and how any progress has improved the quality of care and potential outcomes for young people.

Placement planning remains exceptional. Young people are entirely involved in the development of the residential plan and are eager participants in reviewing the progress they make. Likewise, plans are carefully developed to ensure young people's needs are addressed by those qualified and experienced to do so. For example, the home accesses additional support from external services in order to provide young people with the additional support they need. Consequently, young people make remarkable progress in the home.

The protection of young people is further developed in the home. Young people work closely with staff and external services to develop risk assessments and statements of intent in order that their personal safety is maintained at all times. As a direct result, young people work with achievable boundaries and begin to learn about personal consequence. It is evident that staff work hard to secure young people's safety and maintain exceptional relationships with external safeguarding agencies. However, since the last inspection there has been an increase in some young people becoming absent or missing from the home. In some instances, these instances are not routinely reported to Ofsted in accordance with regulation.

Staff work hard to ensure young people are placed in the most suitable educational placement. Likewise, staff build extremely good relationships with a range of educational providers and this means that young people can access different services that are best suited to their learning needs. Consequently, young people develop self-esteem and confidence in order to make progress in school.

Young people have their views and opinions respected in the home. Care is taken to ascertain young people's aspirations and interests in order to introduce goals and activities best suited to meet them. Likewise, young people are supported to have suitable contact with significant people in their lives.

## Information about this children's home

This home is a detached property situated in a residential area. It is the only children's home owned by a private provider. The home is registered to provide care and accommodation to four children with emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

## Recent inspection history

| Inspection date | Inspection type | Inspection judgement |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 26/09/2014      | Full            | outstanding          |
| 05/03/2014      | Interim         | good progress        |
| 17/12/2013      | Full            | outstanding          |
| 21/11/2012      | Interim         | good progress        |

## 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   |
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| 30<br>(2001) | ensure that any event listed in column 1 of the table in Schedule 5 is without delay notified to Ofsted (Regulation 30 (1)) | 10/02/2015 |

## **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.