

Children's homes – Interim inspection

Inspection date	07/03/2017
Unique reference number	SC392549
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home
Registered provider	Duty of Care Limited
Responsible individual	David Heartfield
Registered manager	Susan Kells
Inspector	Colin Imrie

Inspection date	07/03/2017
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 judges that it has improved effectiveness. The home continues to be very settled. No children or young people have been admitted or discharged since the previous inspection. There have been no staff changes and the registered manager continues to develop the service. All of the children and young people are making good progress and in many areas this progress is very good. All of the children and young people attend school or college, with full attendance, and continue to make significant progress. The staff team has received additional training in attachment theory and therapeutic parenting and now have regular support from an external psychologist. Because of this, the staff are working in a more in-depth way with the children and young people and this is having a positive effect on their well-being. All of the children and young people have external specialist support as well as skilled key-work from the staff. The health needs of the children and young people are well met. The children and young people are supported by the staff to maintain good quality relationships with their families wherever possible. There have been no safeguarding incidents, no children or young people have gone missing and there has been no bullying recorded. Staff have not used any physical interventions and have only used a few appropriate sanctions. No complaints have been made. Safeguarding has been particularly strong over the recent period. Each member of staff has an excellent relationship with the children and young people, and uses this to discuss and negotiate ways forward when issues arise. There is an incentive and reward scheme in place, which is effective in promoting positive behaviour. The staff are nurturing and strive to respond to the needs of the children and young people in therapeutic ways. This approach works well and is responsible for the children and young people's continued good progress and for the relaxed homely feel in the home.	

There were no requirements or recommendations made at the previous inspection, and none has been made at this inspection.

Information about this children's home

The home is run by a private organisation and is registered for the care and accommodation of up to three children or young people who have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
17/08/2016	Full	Good
22/03/2016	Interim	Improved effectiveness
02/06/2015	Full	Good
06/08/2014	Full	Adequate

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.

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