

SC400355

Registered provider: Social Care Services (Clayton) Limited

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This children's home is operated by a private organisation. It provides care and accommodation for up to three young people who may have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

The home is run by a qualified and registered manager.

Inspection date: 19 February 2019

Judgement at last inspection: outstanding

Date of last inspection: 31 July 2018

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 outstanding at the last full inspection.

At the interim inspection, Ofsted judges that it has sustained effectiveness.

Since the last inspection in July 2018, there have been no young people discharged from the service. There has been one new admission. At the time of this inspection, two young people are accommodated within the home.

The registered manager and staff work hard to consistently develop the services provided for young people living in the home. The three recommendations made to further improve practice at the last full inspection have been suitably addressed. Young people continue to be at the forefront of the practice at the home. A newly developed consultation meeting enables young people to review all aspects of their lives, including having the opportunity to contribute towards their placement plan. This means that

young people are closely involved in the development of their targets and goals. In addition, these meetings provide opportunities for young people to discuss matters such as consequences, incentives and behaviour management strategies. This transparency provides young people with an excellent sense of security and control over their lives. A young person said, 'I love it here, I wouldn't change anything. I love the manager and all the staff. I want to stay here forever.'

Young people have excellent educational attendance. Progress is consistently good, with individual targets regularly met. This is a significant achievement.

The registered manager and staff are extremely in tune with the individual needs, personalities and idiosyncrasies of each young person. Because of this, relationships with staff and young people are strong, trusting and respectful. A young person said, 'There isn't another home like this. This is the best. I don't feel like I live in a care home, it's just my home.'

The safety and well-being of young people are paramount at this home. Robust risk assessments, coupled with individual response plans, ensure that where risks are identified staff work effectively with external safeguarding agencies to reduce and minimise the risk of potential harm. Since the last full inspection, there have been no young people reported as missing, no child protection concerns and no complaints. There has been one minor physical intervention which was suitably managed.

External partnerships are securely formed. This means that young people have access to a range of services offering individual and group sessions on a regular basis on, for example, healthy young minds, sexual health, personal safety and safe relationships. These sessions enable young people to discuss matters independently from the staff in the home while enabling them to learn valuable life skills and strategies.

Young people access a range of individual and group activities. They regularly visit Blackpool pleasure beach and recently attended Manchester Pride parade. Young people also have their hair, nails and eyebrows professionally done, in keeping with their personal style which they have developed while living in the home.

Young people enjoy regular contact with family and friends. This is because staff have worked exceptionally hard to build positive and trusting relationships with families, particularly where contact has been problematic in the past. The registered manager said, 'We understand that young people want to see their families. It is important to them. We work closely with social workers and families to promote and support contact wherever this is possible.'

The home continues to provide a high standard of personalised and progressive care. There are no requirements or recommendations made at this inspection.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
31/07/2018	Full	Outstanding
11/01/2018	Interim	Improved effectiveness
24/05/2017	Full	Requires improvement to be good
31/01/2017	Interim	Declined in effectiveness

Information about this inspection

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people. Inspectors considered the quality of work and the difference made to the lives of children and young people. They watched how professional staff work with children and young people and each other and discussed the effectiveness of help and care provided. Wherever possible, they talked to children and 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.

Using the 'Social care common inspection framework', this inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000 to assess the effectiveness of the service, how it meets the core functions of the service as set out in legislation, 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'.

Children's home details

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Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered manager: Robert McEwan

Inspector

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