

Children's homes – Interim inspection

Inspection date	23/02/2017
Unique reference number	SC405713
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home
Registered provider	Cambian Childcare Ltd
Registered provider address	4th Floor, Waterfront, Hammersmith Embankment, London W6 9RU

Responsible individual	Sharon Edney
Registered manager	Vacant
Inspector	Lisa Walsh

Inspection date	23/02/2017
Previous inspection judgement	Declined in effectiveness
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 declined in effectiveness at the last inspection. At this interim inspection, the home was not judged. There have been no young people living at the home since the last inspection. During this time, the staff have been redeployed to other homes in the company. The plan is for the staff to return to the home soon, in preparation for taking new admissions. There was one requirement made at the last inspection. The regulatory shortfall related to having a registered manager. Although a new manager is now in post, the registration process with Ofsted has only just begun. The home continues to be maintained to a good standard. The communal areas are comfortable and homely. There is a games/chill-out room, which young people can use after school and at weekends. All young people's bedrooms are appropriately furnished and ready for personalisation. Health and safety and fire checks are routinely conducted. The independent person continues to visit and reports on the children's home. These visits have been carried out on a monthly basis and reports are provided to Ofsted as required.	

Information about this children's home

The home is registered to provide care for up to three children who have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties. The home is privately owned and forms part of a large social care company.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
09/01/2017	Interim	Declined in effectiveness
07/03/2016	Interim	Sustained effectiveness
19/01/2016	Full	Outstanding
21/01/2015	Interim	Sustained effectiveness

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

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 (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards'. The registered person(s) must comply within the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
The registered provider must appoint a person to manage the children's home if there is no registered manager in respect of the home. If the registered provider appoints a person to manage the home, the registered provider must, without delay, give HMCI notice of the name of the person so appointed; and the date on which the appointment takes effect. (Regulation 27 (1)(a)(2)(a)(b))	30/03/2017

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 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 who 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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