

Children's homes – Interim inspection

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Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home
Registered provider	Winsbeach Children's Home Limited
Responsible individual	John Ofutu
Registered manager	John Ofutu
Inspector	Jacqueline Graves

Inspection date	02/03/2017
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 sustained effectiveness. Two children have been resident since before the last inspection. Neither are attending school or college so are not making sufficient progress. For one child, there has been a deterioration in engaging with education and other services because of their ongoing health problems, although there is some recent willingness to engage. Nevertheless, the child experiences stability and security in the home and wants to remain there. The registered manager and staff are sensitive in their support of this child. They have provided good support for issues regarding her identity and status and work to improve her self-confidence. This has involved employing another female staff member to help with matters relating to gender. The other child is going missing less often, which is an improvement. However, she is not engaging in the placement or making sufficient progress, despite staff efforts. The registered manager and staff do not easily give up on children, but have given notice so the placing authority can plan to meet this child's needs elsewhere. This child has not benefitted from effective team working from her placing authority. Due to this, the registered manager has rightly acted as a 'good parent' and challenged the placing authority; for example, to conduct interviews after the child has been missing and to provide appropriate education. Since the last full inspection, one child moved into the home then on to a foster placement in a planned way. The registered manager and staff regard education highly. They helped this child maintain their educational placement at a considerable distance by taking him to and from his school every day. He, therefore, had good attendance and did not experience disruption to his learning due to his change of placement. The registered manager has ensured that the home has met the four recommendations made at the full inspection. This indicates capacity for continuous improvement. He reviews what goes on in the service to identify strengths and areas for improvement. Reports of his review now reflect the children's homes regulations and quality standards. Staff now record any key work sessions which take place. Staff attended training in female genital mutilation, so they know how to protect children from this risk. The	

registered manager contacted a virtual school headteacher to try to secure suitable education for one child. No recommendations or requirements arise from this inspection.

The registered manager finds the monthly reports by an independent visitor helpful in developing the home. He shares these reports with Ofsted as required.

Since the last inspection, staff have not restrained any children and there have been very few incidents. The staff followed guidance when dealing with an allegation.

Children benefit from living in a small home, which is domestic in appearance. The building remains comfortable and homely. There is little change in the small staff team, so children experience stability in those caring for them.

Information about this children's home

A private limited company operates this home. The director is also the registered manager. The home provides care and accommodation for up to three children who may have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
18/10/2016	Full	Good
04/03/2016	Interim	Sustained effectiveness
07/10/2015	Full	Good
20/03/2015	Interim	Improved effectiveness

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 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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