

Inspection report for children's home

Unique reference number	SC407430
Inspector	Paul Clark
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home

Registered person	Wessex College Limited
Registered person address	Boreham Mill Bishopstrow Road Warminster Wiltshire BA12 9HQ
Responsible individual	Joanne Sams
Registered manager	Sarah Jane Battlebury / Anita Susan Howard
Date of last inspection	02/07/2014

Inspection date	07/01/2015
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Previous inspection	good
Enforcement action since last inspection	none

This inspection

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

The home has improved its effectiveness in meeting the needs of the young people living in the home. Placements are stable and the majority of young people are attending formal education and making educational progress. Young people enjoy good relationships with management and staff and feel safe and happy in the home.

Young people benefit from the effective management of the home and the commitment to the development of practice. One example of this is the production of an assessment tool for young people's health, educational and behavioural progress. This allows the home to identify improvements or deficits in relation to young people's starting points together with action plans for change.

There are effective systems in place for recording and responding to significant incidents. The home works collaboratively with placing authorities, the local authority, police and other agencies. Additionally, the home benefits from its own educational and therapeutic provisions and staff from these services work closely and collaboratively with care staff. There are few incidents where young people have been required to be physically restrained and the application of sanctions is comparatively low. Placing authorities commend the home for its success in the behaviour management of young people whose histories in this regard may have been poor. Young people comment that behaviour management is fair and appropriate.

Placing authorities appreciate the way that the home supports young people in maintaining contact with their families and siblings. This has included helping with travel, accommodation and supporting young people with visits to institutions. Young people are encouraged to engage in a range of leisure and social activities in the wider community and this improves their life experiences and feelings of self-worth.

The home has met the single requirement of the previous inspection which was to review and update the Statement of Purpose. There are no recommendations or requirements as a result of this inspection.

Information about this children's home

This home is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to four young people with emotional and behavioural difficulties. It is owned by a private organisation that also operates other children's homes and a school in the locality.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
02/07/2014	Full	good
20/01/2014	Interim	satisfactory progress
24/09/2013	Full	good
13/03/2013	Interim	satisfactory progress

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.