

Inspection report for children's home

Unique reference number	SC412296
Inspector	Paul Taylor
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home

Responsible individual	Paula Jane Jarrett
Registered manager	Paula Jane Jarrett
Date of last inspection	30/10/2014

Inspection date	26/03/2015
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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**.

At the last inspection in October 2014, the home was judged to be good. One requirement and one recommendation were made at that inspection. These have been addressed.

The home has updated the statement of purpose and this now includes information that an alarm is fitted to the front door which sounds if someone leaves or enters the building during the night. The statement of purpose now contains the information required by regulation.

A recommendation was made relating to ensuring that all supervision records are accessible to the Registered Manager. This has been addressed and all staff supervision records are now readily available for perusal and examination. This means that the Registered Manager can monitor records of staff supervision and examine how practice is being assessed promptly, if there is a need to do so.

Young people continue to progress extremely well while living at the home. In particular attendance at education is promoted and improved and incidents of challenging behaviour have decreased considerably. Young people are given high quality individualised support and guidance and this enables them to significantly develop their social skills and behaviour management strategies. 'My hard work has paid off, I can do things which I really like now' says a young person. A comment from an Independent Reviewing Officer (IRO) is that the home offers 'excellent hands on, focussed approach'.

Since the last inspection, members of staff have attended training which has enabled them to become assessors in an accredited program which provides guidance and training for young people to develop life and self-care skills. This means that the young people can undertake modules in areas such as time

management, use of public transport, moving on independence skills and budget management. These are then assessed and the young people awarded accredited certification for completing these modules. This promotes young peoples' confidence and acknowledges the developments they have achieved.

Good communication is maintained with placing authorities and the home makes sure that all social workers receive weekly summaries about each young person's progress, behaviour and any significant incidents. This ensures that the home is transparent in its practice and that all relevant professionals are kept up to date with each young person's time in the home.

The home also continues to make sure that all members of staff are kept up to date with relevant safeguarding issues. Members of staff have all received training in e-safety and child sexual exploitation. This means that all members of staff know what to do and what signs and behaviour to look for while working with young people who are vulnerable and this further promotes their safety.

Information about this children's home

The service is a privately run children's home providing care and accommodation for up to three young people between the ages of 10 and 17 years, who may have emotional or behavioural difficulties.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
30/10/2014	Full	good
26/11/2013	Interim	good progress
16/04/2013	Full	good
12/12/2012	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.