

Children's homes - interim inspection

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Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home
Registered person	Care Management Solutions Limited
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Registered manager	Vacant Post
Inspector	Nicola McEvinney

Inspection date	07/12/2015
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 judge that it has sustained effectiveness. There has been some major changes since the last full inspection in that the Responsible Individual who was also the Registered Manager suddenly and tragically passed away. Since that time a Responsible Individual and a manager has been appointed. The manager who is an appropriately qualified and experienced has yet to register with Ofsted. There has been some unsettled behaviour with one of the girls' placement being given notice due to the impact on their behaviour on the other girl placed. This has had a detrimental impact on her well-being as she is disengaging with the staff team. Staff are proactive in working with the local authority to secure a suitable alternative placement. Both girls engage in their education or work experience placement. One's education attainment has improved with reports stating that she has, 'made pleasing progress.' Her attendance has levelled out to mid-90% from 26% on admission. The other young person placed is a good school attendee and staff have high aspirations for her attaining A to C grades in her GCSE's. Although a tutor has been engaged to provide extra tuition in a weaker subject to give additional support. She is an avid reader and has exhausted the homes library which has prompted staff to bring in other suitable books for her to read. This engagement with their education impacts positively on their life opportunities. A young person said, 'I like it here, it is really good, I get lots of support.' There have not been any incidents of the girls going missing overnight for a couple of months; these incidents prior to this were rare. Staff are vigilant in maintaining contact with them when they are away from the home. The staff have accessed services to support the girls on addressing safe relationships. Two young people have left the home since the last inspection. One was a planned	

move back to the local authority as the initial placement was for short-term. The second young person has made a successful move to live with his girlfriend's family. He maintains contact with the home and is currently employed.

Requirements raised at the previous inspection related to the management of the home and have been addressed. In particular a new Regulation 44 visitor has been appointed who visits the home monthly and sends the report to the regulatory body to ensure they have a clear picture of how the home is functioning.

There have been no new requirements or recommendations raised at this inspection.

Information about this children's home

This privately owned home is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to five young people with emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
09/06/2015	Full	Good
02/02/2015	Full	Adequate
26/06/2014	Interim	Sustained Effectiveness
08/10/2013	Full	Adequate

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.

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