

SC476270

Registered provider: Cambian Childcare Limited

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This children's home is run by a private organisation and offers care and accommodation for up to five children who have social and/or emotional difficulties. The manager has been registered with Ofsted since January 2019.

Inspection date: 12 March 2019

Judgement at last inspection: good

Date of last inspection: 30 April 2018

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 last full inspection. At the interim inspection, Ofsted judges that it has improved effectiveness.

Since the last inspection, two children have left the home. One child had a well-planned move on to foster care and another child moved to a smaller home that was considered more appropriate for meeting his needs. Three new children have been admitted to the home since the last inspection. Children have had well-planned transitions into the home. This has included arranged meetings with a child's social worker and carers from their previous placements and several visits to this home.

Children make excellent progress in their education. They benefit from having adapted timetables that balance academic study with the opportunity to gain first-hand vocational experience.

Children receive good, individualised care that supports them to make excellent progress in their lives. Children radically reduce and eliminate their dangerous risk-taking behaviour and show more awareness of how to manage their feelings. One placing social worker told the inspector, '[Child's name] has made great strides since being admitted; [child's name] is calmer and more regulated.'

Children are registered with primary healthcare and specialist providers. This ensures that they can access services and receive treatment without undue delays.

Arrangements for the administration and recording of medication are effective.

The manager has reviewed all behaviour management strategies. Staff work closely with the organisation's therapist team to support children to find new ways to express their frustrations without resorting to physical aggression. Consequently, the use of behaviour management strategies, such as physical restraint, reduce as children's behaviour improves.

The manager has been registered with Ofsted since January 2019. She is determined in ensuring that children receive well-planned care and that they do not remain at the home for longer than is necessary. She is proactive in ensuring that children are able to return home or move to a more appropriate placement when they are ready.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
30/04/2018	Full	Good
02/02/2018	Interim	Declined in effectiveness
19/12/2017	Full	Requires improvement to be good
15/02/2017	Interim	Sustained effectiveness

Information about this inspection

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people. Inspectors considered the quality of work and the differences made to the lives of children and young people. They watched how professional staff work with children and young people and each other and discussed the effectiveness of help and care provided. Wherever possible, they talked to children and 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 whom 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.

Using the 'Social care common inspection framework', this inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000 to assess the effectiveness of the service, how it meets the core functions of the service as set out in legislation, 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'.

Children's home details

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Inspector

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