

Inspection report for children's home

Unique reference number	SC010090
Inspector	Graham Robinson
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home

Registered person	Partners in Care
Registered person address	Rouse House, 2 Wyther Lane Kirkstall Leeds West Yorkshire LS5 3BT
Responsible individual	Luiz Miguel Guilherme
Registered manager	Hayley Thistlethwaite / POST VACANT
Date of last inspection	01/12/2014

Inspection date	16/03/2015
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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 **sustained effectiveness**.

Following an unsettled period, the home is now more stable and is showing some signs of progression and moving forward. For example, in recent times the home had two changes of manager, which had an unsettling affect on both staff and young people. However, a permanent appointment has been confirmed for the current manager and the registration process with Ofsted is nearing completion. Once completed, this should aid the home in its quest to progress and improve outcomes for young people.

Currently, the young people recently introduced to the home and are still settling into the daily routines and working practices. Those who have been unsettled recently, are receiving good support from staff, in a bid to help them settle and come to terms with their current circumstances.

Apart from one addition, the whole staff team has remained intact since the last inspection, which has benefitted young people in being looked after by a team of staff they get to know well. This aids consistency of care. Individual needs are recognised and addressed in young people's care plans and assessments of risk, which are updated monthly to keep them current.

The home creates a structure and boundaries for young people to operate within. Should young people stray outside those boundaries, the home works with partner agencies to provide a multi-agency response, designed to support them through times of difficulty. This helps to build strong, trusting relationships between young people and staff.

Any challenges or unsettled behaviour is well managed, with the home working positively rather than punitively with young people in an effort to get them to some take some responsibility for themselves. Good consultation and communication

levels allow young people to contribute positively to certain aspects of the homes operation and to make choices about daily life in the home.

The home is now well organised and there is a commitment to move the home forward which is starting to impact positively. For example, with the recent improvement in the way induction of new staff is managed and recorded.

At the last inspection, one recommendation was made which has been fully addressed. This has resulted in an improvement to the quality of recording when new staff are recruited. No new requirements or recommendations have been made.

Information about this children's home

The home is run by a private company and provides care and accommodation for up to four young people with emotional and behavioural difficulties.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
01/12/2014	Full	good
25/02/2014	Interim	satisfactory progress
31/10/2013	Full	good
16/01/2013	Interim	good 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.