

Children's homes - interim inspection

Inspection date	27/01/2016
Unique reference number	SC005048
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Residential special school
Registered person	The Partnership of Care Today Children's Services
Registered person address	Lansdowne House, 85 Buxton Road, STOCKPORT, Cheshire, SK2 6LR

Responsible individual	Vivien Snape
Registered manager	Beverley Tuck
Inspector	Dave Carrigan

Inspection date	27/01/2016
Previous inspection judgement	Good
Enforcement action since last inspection	None
This inspection	
<p>The effectiveness of the home and the progress and experiences of children and young people since the most recent full inspection</p> <p>This home was judged Good at the full inspection. At this interim inspection Ofsted judge that it has sustained effectiveness.</p> <p>Since the last inspection there have been four changes to the children and young people living in the home. One child has been moved to a specialist placement, two young people have moved into foster placements and one young person has moved to a different home within the organisation. As a result of these discharges there has been four new admissions to the home.</p> <p>Children and young people benefit from the care taken to ensure matching is right at the point of admission. This has largely been successful and has led to them settling quickly into the home's routine and making good attachments with each other and the staff team. A social worker reported 'he has settled in really well and we are pleased about the progress he is making from the care and education side of things'.</p> <p>The healthcare needs of children and young people are met. They are registered with primary healthcare services and are supported to attend any appointments. Specialist support is readily available to meet the emotional and psychological needs of children and young people through individual therapeutic sessions. Appropriate arrangements are in place for the safe management of medicines to promote the safety and well-being of children and young people.</p> <p>The home is part of a residential special school, which is on site. Children and young people benefit from good attendance and are achieving in line with their age and stage of development. Staff support the educational attainments of children young people and celebrate their success, helping to keep them motivated.</p> <p>The home effectively supports all family contact. This ensures that children and young people remain close to individuals who are important to them and benefit from being involved in a wider support network outside of the home. There is a range of activities available to children and young people both within and outside of the home. This ensures the promotion of their individual interests and broadens their learning experience.</p> <p>The positive relationship mean that children and young people feel safe and</p>	

secure. As a result, there have been no reports of children and young people missing from care since the last inspection and there have been a reduced number of physical interventions.

Children and young people continue to be protected by the organisation's robust recruitment practices. These ensure that staff are vetted and assessed as suitable before they start work in the home. Staff complete regular health and safety checks and follow a range of safety procedure to protect young people from potential hazards.

The manager is suitably qualified and has high standards and a commitment to improving the lives of children and young people. Staff are well supported through regular supervisions, annual appraisals and training and development.

No statutory requirements or recommendations were made following at the last inspection and none have been made as result of this inspection.

Information about this children's home

The home is registered to provide care and accommodation for eight children and young people with emotional and behavioural difficulties. The home is owned by a private company.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
21/07/2015	CH - Full	Good
11/03/2015	CH - Interim	Improved effectiveness
21/11/2014	CH - Full	Good
26/03/2014	CH - Interim	Satisfactory Progress

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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