

Children's homes – interim inspection

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| Inspection date | 09/09/2016 |
| Unique reference number | SC431799 |
| Type of inspection | Interim |
| Provision subtype | Children's home |
| Registered provider | SWAAY Child and Adolescent Services Limited |
| Registered provider address | 591 London Road, Sutton, Surrey SM3 9AG |

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| Responsible individual | Gerard Berry |
| Registered manager | Vacant |
| Inspector | James Harmon |

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| Inspection date | 09/09/2016 |
| Previous inspection judgement | Sustained effectiveness |
| 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 last full inspection. At this interim inspection, Ofsted judges that it has sustained effectiveness.</p> <p>The home closed temporarily in July 2016 after the last remaining resident was successfully transitioned to another home within the organisation. The management made the decision to close the home and undertake a complete refurbishment of it and a review of how services will be provided to young people.</p> <p>The registered manager of the home has left her post and taken another within the organisation. A new manager is currently being recruited to dual manage the home, along with a home next door that will be undergoing the registration process in the near future. The organisation's management consider that a two-bedded children's home can often feel isolated to young people and the staff. The plan is for one staff team to operate across both homes, allowing all the young people to feel part of a larger group.</p> <p>Forward thinking and good-quality planning by management ensured that the young person moved to another home with no negative impact on his emotional and behavioural well-being. The staff worked cooperatively with the local authority, parents, young person and the receiving manager to develop a suitable plan of action. There was enough time allowed for the young person to undertake visits, develop relationships and get accustomed to the new environment prior to moving.</p> <p>Records show that the young person was receiving a sufficient amount of support from the staff to meet his daily needs. The time he spent in the home has been documented in a folder containing pictures, and collectables from the various individual and group activities he undertook.</p> <p>When the placement change occurred, staff were busy assisting the young person to remain safe while developing some insight into his negative behaviours. The staff responded well to several incidents of the young person going missing from care with a consistent approach that saw him return safely to the home.</p> <p>The prompt notifications provided to Ofsted ensured that the staff met the requirement of the last inspection. No further requirements have been made.</p> | |

Information about this children's home

The home is a two-bedded children's home that is registered for boys with emotional and behavioural difficulties. The home is owned and operated by SWAAY, a private organisation that specialises in the assessment and treatment of male adolescents who have experienced some form of abuse and have subsequently been involved in perpetrating abusive behaviour themselves.

Recent inspection history

| Inspection date | Inspection type | Inspection judgement |
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| 27/01/2016 | Interim | Sustained effectiveness |
| 04/08/2015 | Full | Good |
| 29/01/2015 | Interim | Sustained effectiveness |
| 07/05/2014 | Full | Adequate |

What does the children's home need to do to improve?

No requirements or recommendations were made at this inspection.

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 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.

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