

Children's homes – Interim inspection

Inspection date	20/10/2016
Unique reference number	1230268
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home
Registered provider	Kites Children's Services Limited
Registered provider address	The Forge, Langham, Colchester CO4 5PX

Responsible individual	Rosslyn Parsons
Registered manager	Peter McGugan
Inspector	Joanna Heller

Inspection date	20/10/2016
Previous inspection judgement	N/A
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 has not yet had a full inspection. At this interim inspection, the home was 'not judged'.</p> <p>The home has not provided accommodation to children since its registration on 5 May 2016. This inspection focuses on whether the children's home meets its statutory requirements in order to maintain its registration and is ready to accept placements.</p> <p>A manager and staff have been employed to work at the home and ongoing recruitment is taking place to ensure that a full staffing complement is in place. In the interim, the manager and staff are employed at the organisation's sister home. The spacious building is safe and suitably well maintained and decorated.</p> <p>The organisation has not implemented suitable quality monitoring systems in accordance with regulatory requirements. No monthly visit to the home has been undertaken by an independent person. This has no impact on children. However, it is a regulatory breach, nonetheless, and means that Ofsted as regulator does not have a current and accurate picture regarding the service.</p>	

Information about this children's home

This home is one of two homes operated by a private provider. It is registered to provide accommodation and specialist therapeutic care and treatment for four young males. The provider also operates a school and an independent fostering agency as part of a separate but linked company.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
First inspection since registration		

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

Statutory Requirements

This section sets out the actions which must be taken so that the registered person(s) meets the Care Standards Act 2000, Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards'. The registered person(s) must comply within the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
The registered person must ensure that an independent person visits the children's home at least once each month. The independent person must produce a report about a visit ('the independent person's report') which sets out, in particular, the independent person's opinion as to whether children are effectively safeguarded and the conduct of the home promotes children's well-being. (Regulation 44 (1)(4)(a)(b))	21/11/2016

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.

This 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 Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards'.

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