

## Children's homes – Interim inspection

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| <b>Inspection date</b>             | <b>17/03/2017</b>                             |
| <b>Unique reference number</b>     | <b>SC032154</b>                               |
| <b>Type of inspection</b>          | <b>Interim</b>                                |
| <b>Provision subtype</b>           | <b>Children's home</b>                        |
| <b>Registered provider</b>         | <b>National Autistic Society</b>              |
| <b>Registered provider address</b> | <b>391–393 City Road, London<br/>EC1V 1NG</b> |

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| <b>Responsible individual</b> | <b>Helen Evers</b>   |
| <b>Registered manager</b>     | <b>Lynne Taylor</b>  |
| <b>Inspector</b>              | <b>Debbie Foster</b> |

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| <b>Inspection date</b>   | <b>15/03/2017</b>  |
| <b>Previous inspection judgement</b>   | <b>Outstanding</b> |
| <b>Enforcement action since last inspection</b>  | <b>None</b>        |
| <b>This inspection</b>   |                    |
| <p><b>The effectiveness of the home and the progress and experiences of children and young people since the most recent full inspection</b></p> <p>This home was judged <b>outstanding</b> at the full inspection. At this interim inspection, Ofsted judges that it has <b>sustained effectiveness</b>.</p> <p>Young people continue to flourish as a result of the nurturing care and the understanding that the staff have of their specific needs. Young people respond well to the implementation of their structured care plans and routines. This ensures that they feel safe and, over time, enables them to actively take part in all aspects of daily life.</p> <p>Young people enjoy social and leisure pursuits that broaden their everyday experiences and involvement in the wider community. In recent months these have included a magician event, going to a trampoline centre, meals out, and visiting the cinema and shopping centre. This provides young people with increased social interaction and participation.</p> <p>Young people's safety remains a priority. Staff demonstrate a good awareness of the risks and dangers specific to each young person. They carry out all the identified safety measures to ensure that young people are kept safe.</p> <p>Staff maintain good communication with professionals and parents. This keeps them fully informed about the care and progress of young people. In addition, this gives everyone the opportunity to contribute to and be consulted about the care that is provided. This makes sure that young people receive the best support available.</p> <p>The home's monitoring systems are thorough and include a range of auditing practices. These support the home to make further improvements to the quality of care. The manager has taken swift action to address the two recommendation made at the recently undertaken full inspection. The monthly monitoring report now gives a view about whether young people are effectively safeguarded. The complaints record has been improved to fully detail the outcome. This demonstrates that the complainant's concerns have been taken seriously and that suitable action has been taken to address them.</p> |                    |

## Information about this children's home

A charitable organisation operates this children's home. The home is registered to provide care for up to 12 children who have autism. Children in the home may have other associated difficulties such as sensory impairment and physical disabilities. The home is part of a residential special school that provides education on site.

## Recent inspection history

| Inspection date | Inspection type | Inspection judgement    |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| 11/01/2017      | Full            | Outstanding             |
| 01/12/2015      | Interim         | Sustained effectiveness |
| 08/07/2015      | Full            | Outstanding             |
| 14/01/2015      | Interim         | Sustained effectiveness |

## **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 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 that 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 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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