

# 1240883

Registered provider: Care 4 Children

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

## **Information about this children's home**

The children's home is one of a number of homes operated by a private organisation. It is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to three young people who have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

**Inspection date:** 15 May 2017

**Judgement at last inspection:** Requires improvement

**Date of last inspection:** 2 February 2017

**Enforcement action since last inspection**

None

## **This inspection**

### **The effectiveness of the home and the progress and experiences of children and young people since the most recent full inspection**

This home was judged requires improvement at the last full inspection. At the interim inspection, Ofsted judges that it has improved effectiveness.

The experience and progress of young people living here are improving. The seven requirements set at the last inspection have been addressed. For example, young people's complaints and grumbles are taken seriously; the staff now have first aid qualifications; and risk management plans are understood and followed by the staff. A programme of redecoration and refurbishment is ongoing in the home to achieve a high-quality living environment.

Management arrangements are much better. A registered manager is now in post and has brought leadership and direction to the team. His ethos of creating a homely, caring and nurturing experience for young people is beginning to filter through to care practice. Robust quality-review reports demonstrate an overview of young people's progress and

areas for development in the future.

Young people continue to attend the company school regularly and achieve their targets. They are increasing in confidence, which is seen in them participating regularly in a range of activities and making positive friendships locally. Notably, physical interventions are minimal and young people's negative behaviour and conflict are well managed through strategies of reward and praise.

The staff continue to work well with parents and placing authorities to promote the progress of young people. They attend placing authority meetings, gain feedback and provide regular reports about young people's achievements. A social worker said, 'I am happy with the placement, his education is very good, they communicate regularly with me.'

A young person has moved into the home since the last inspection. Detailed planning and introductory meetings supported this. Also, a children's guide is available and explains the routines of the home. Other young people remain living here, demonstrating the stability of their placement.

A development plan is in place to further improve the service for young people. For example, new 'memory books' are being introduced to help them to understand their journeys and time spent at the home. Also, new systems for record-keeping are now in place to allow ease of access to information. These are all positive moves forward and show the commitment of the manager and the staff to young people's success.

## Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
02/02/2017	Full	Requires improvement

## Information about this inspection

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people. Inspectors considered the quality of work and the difference made to the lives of children and young people. They watched how professional staff work with children and young people and each other and discussed the effectiveness of help and care provided. Wherever possible, they talked to children and 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.

Using the 'Social care common inspection framework', this inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000 to assess the effectiveness of the service, how it meets the core functions of the service as set out in legislation, 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'.

## **Children's home details**

**Unique reference number:** 1240883

**Provision sub-type:** Children's home

**Registered provider:** Care 4 Children

**Registered provider address:** Care 4 Children, 1 Stuart Road, Bredbury Park Industrial Estate, Bredbury, Stockport, SK6 2SR

**Responsible individual:** Ali-Raza Sarwar

**Registered manager:** Peter Nuttall

## **Inspector**

Caroline Jones, social care regulatory inspector

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