

1212708

Registered provider: Pathway Care Solutions Limited 04004053

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is operated by a private organisation. It provides care and accommodation for up to three children and young people who have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

The registered manager left in December 2018. The home is currently managed by an acting temporary manager.

Inspection date: 7 February 2019

Judgement at last inspection: good

Date of last inspection: 9 May 2018

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 good at the last full inspection.

At the interim inspection, Ofsted judges that it has sustained effectiveness.

The requirements and recommendations from the previous inspection have been acted upon. However, these are not relevant to the current circumstances of the home.

The home has undergone significant changes since the last full inspection. Two young people moved out of the home shortly after the inspection. The registered manager and staff were aware of the risks posed to the young people and continued to try and reduce the risks. The placing authorities felt that the risks linked to their engagement within their communities were too great and therefore took the decision to move them.

The home did not have any children placed in it for almost a four-month period. Towards

the end of this period, the registered manager resigned from her position.

A young person from a sister home within the organisation has recently moved into the home. This is a temporary arrangement. In addition, a temporary acting manager is in place.

The company has continued to accommodate the young person within their organisation to provide consistent care and stability for him following an unplanned move from another home. The young person said: 'I give staff 10 out of 10. They have supported me well with this change.'

The young person continues to attend full-time education and he is doing well. Staff support the young person to make progress in school and to attend after-school clubs.

The acting manager is a strong advocate for the young person. Careful planning has gone into ensuring that he receives continuity of care. Staff are working flexibly to maintain the current situation.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
09/05/2018	Full	Good
21/02/2018	Interim	Sustained effectiveness
16/05/2017	Full	Requires improvement to be good
11/01/2017	Interim	Sustained effectiveness

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 differences 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 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.

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: 1212708

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered manager: Michelle Danvers

Inspector(s)

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