

SC481040

Registered provider: SWAAY Child and Adolescent Services Limited

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home is owned and run by a private organisation. It is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to four boys. The organisation runs other homes and a school within the local area.

The home is managed by a suitably experienced manager who was registered in May 2018.

Inspection date: 31 January 2019

Judgement at last inspection: good

Date of last inspection: 18 September 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.

Children continue to make good progress while living in the home. They talk positively about the home and the staff who care for them. During the inspection, one child had been admitted to hospital and staff were providing 24-hour care and support to him, while helping him to come to terms with his new medical condition. Another child was happily getting ready for school, while another was due to attend a doctor's appointment. He spent time talking to me while playing with the puppy in training to become a therapy dog. He was very enthusiastic about the dog, but also concerned for the child who was in hospital's hamster, which was being well looked after.

One child has moved into the home since the last inspection. He had a bespoke transition to the home over several weeks. Staff have a good understanding of his needs

and he is engaging well in education and the therapeutic process. One child has moved on to a service better able to meet his needs. The two who were in placement at the last inspection are continuing to make progress in education and through the staged therapeutic process.

Since the last inspection, there have been no safeguarding or child protection concerns that have required liaison with the designated officer in the local authority. Other concerns have been managed effectively, with joint working between the organisation's multidisciplinary team and the children's social workers, and when relevant specialist police officers.

The requirement set at the last inspection has been fully met. The home is much homelier than at the full inspection, with a new kitchen and redecorated rooms. Items that had been damaged or broken were no longer in the garden and the registered manager has added removing broken items to the daily checklist. The registered manager has strived to meet the two other recommendations set, including ensuring that all relevant information from placement plans is reflected in children's current plans and risk assessments. This is ongoing for the recently admitted child. A computerised recording system is in the process of being fully implemented, which will result in records being easier to access and consistently recorded.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
18/09/2018	Full	Good
18/01/2018	Interim	Improved effectiveness
18/10/2017	Full	Requires improvement to be good
30/03/2017	Interim	Improved effectiveness

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

Recommendations

- Staff should continually and actively assess the risks to each child and the arrangements in place to protect them. Where there are safeguarding concerns for a child, their placement plan, agreed between the home and their placing authority, must include details of the steps the home will take to manage any assessed risks on a day-to-day basis. ('Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards', page 42, paragraph 9.5) Specifically, ensure that all information from pre-placement risk assessments is available in current plans and assessments and that plans to support behaviour are updated promptly.

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: SC481040

Provision sub-type: Children's home

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Registered manager: Callie Welch

Inspector

Jennie Christopher, social care inspector

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