

# 1240843

Registered provider: Care 4 Children Limited

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

## Information about this children's home

This home is privately owned and run. It is registered to provide care and accommodation for two children who may have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

The manager registered with Ofsted in October 2017.

**Inspection date:** 12 February 2019

**Judgement at last inspection:** requires improvement to be good

**Date of last inspection:** 8 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 required improvement to be good at the last full inspection. At the interim inspection, Ofsted judges that it has improved effectiveness.

Staff offer individualised care to young people that underpins the good progress that they make. This progress includes a significant reduction in young people's behaviours that lead to criminalisation, developing healthier routines to support attendance at education and engaging with therapeutic services to improve their emotional health. The latter was a requirement at the last inspection which has been met.

Since the last inspection, there have not been any complaints, allegations or physical interventions. Incidents of young people being missing from the home are infrequent. When these incidents do occur, staff are active in searching for and locating young people and ensuring their safe return to the home.

The requirements made at the last inspection have been met. Since the last inspection, the manager has afforded appropriate consideration to the needs of young people prior to their admission to the home. Those needs have been balanced against the abilities, skills and knowledge base of the staff. One young person, who joined the home since the last inspection, commented: 'My life has turned around. I have stability now.'

Managerial plans to improve the care offered to young people have included training for staff in attachment, trauma and brain development. In addition, incidents now benefit from a clear system of monitoring in order to improve staff practice and responses to young people.

The home is relatively well maintained, however there are areas that detract from its otherwise homely presentation.

## Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
08/05/2018	Full	Requires improvement to be good

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

### Recommendations

- For children's homes to be nurturing and supportive environments that meet the needs of their children, they will, in most cases, be homely, domestic environments ('Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards', page 15, paragraph 3.9).

In particular, that the heating system is repaired and/or fully serviced to ensure that all radiators are functioning and that all bedroom furniture is of a high standard and any damage results in the furniture being replaced or appropriately repaired.

## 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:** 1240843

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

**Registered provider:** Care 4 Children Limited

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

**Responsible individual:** Dominic Tumelty

**Registered manager:** Linda Ashcroft

## Inspector

Pauline Yates, social care inspector

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