

# 1244413

Registered provider: No. 57 Limited

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

## Information about this children's home

The home is run by a private organisation and is registered for the care and accommodation of up to three children and young people who have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

The manager was registered in December 2018 and is appropriately qualified.

**Inspection date:** 5 March 2019

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

**Date of last inspection:** 12 June 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 requires improvement to be good at the last full inspection. At the interim inspection, Ofsted judges that it has sustained effectiveness.

The home has remained unsettled since the previous inspection. Two children left the home in unplanned ways. A number of staff left employment at the home at the end of last year and there have been some staff shortages since that time. Recruitment is now underway, and some new staff have started work.

Two other children have been admitted more recently. Both have settled in to some extent. However, neither of them has had appropriate education in place throughout their placement. This has meant that they have been unable to establish positive daily routines.

There have been some safeguarding concerns. Some of the children have been going missing from home and there have been associated concerns about them engaging in risky behaviour in the community. The staff have been attempting to address these issues, but have not been sufficiently effective so far.

While all of the children and young people in placement since the last inspection have made some progress in some areas of their lives, they have been unable to make any significant progress and their experience of living at the home has generally been poor.

The registered manager has been able to develop the service in some ways, by improving record keeping and with better support and training for staff. However, the registered manager has not challenged placing authorities sufficiently to obtain suitable education for the children and young people.

The registered manager has addressed most of the requirements made at the previous inspection but has not addressed the requirement for children and young people to receive an appropriate education. This has been raised again. Four other shortfalls have been identified at this inspection and requirements have been made accordingly.

## Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
12/06/2018	Full	Requires improvement to be good
13/03/2018	Full	Inadequate
18/01/2018	Full	Inadequate

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

### Statutory requirements

This section sets out the actions that the registered person(s) must take to meet the Care Standards Act 2000, Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards'. The registered person(s) must comply within the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
In meeting the quality standards, the registered person must, and must ensure that—  if the registered person considers, or staff consider, a placing authority's or a relevant person's performance or response to be inadequate in relation to their role, challenge the placing authority or the relevant person to seek to ensure that each child's needs are met in accordance with the child's relevant	31/03/2019

plans. (Regulation 5(c))	
In particular, to challenge poor planning or lack of planning, and to challenge education authorities when children have no suitable education provision.	
<p>The education standard is that children make measurable progress towards achieving their educational potential and are helped to do so.</p> <p>In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure that staff—</p> <p>help each child to achieve the child’s education and training targets, as recorded in the child’s relevant plans. (Regulation 8(2)(a)(i))</p> <p>In particular, to ensure that all children of school age attend an appropriate education placement for sufficient time.</p>	31/03/2019
<p>The protection of children standard is that children are protected from harm and enabled to keep themselves safe.</p> <p>In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure that staff—</p> <p>take effective action whenever there is a serious concern about a child’s welfare. (Regulation 12(2)(a)(vi))</p> <p>In particular, to address missing-from-home incidents better so as to ensure these decrease over time. This includes ensuring that children are offered return home interviews.</p>	31/03/2019
<p>The leadership and management standard is that the registered person enables, inspires and leads a culture in relation to the children’s home that—</p> <p>(a) helps children aspire to fulfil their potential; and</p> <p>(b) promotes their welfare.</p> <p>In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to—</p> <p>ensure that the home has sufficient staff to provide care for each child. (Regulation 13(2)(d))</p> <p>In particular, to ensure that there are sufficient experienced and able staff on duty at all times to meet children’s needs.</p>	31/03/2019
The care planning standard is that children—	31/03/2019

(a) receive effectively planned care in or through the children's home; and

(b) have a positive experience of arriving at or moving on from the home.

In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure—

that arrangements are in place to plan for, and help, each child to prepare to leave the home or to move into adult care in a way that is consistent with arrangements agreed with the child's placing authority. (Regulation 14(2)(b)(iii))

In particular, to ensure that there are clear plans in place for all children leaving the home, and that these are followed appropriately.

## 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:** 1244413

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

**Registered provider:** No. 57 Limited

**Registered provider address:** 15 Rostrevor Avenue, Stockton-on-Tees TS19 9JA

**Responsible individual:** Alan Carling

**Registered manager:** Alison List

## **Inspector**

Colin Imrie, social care inspector

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