

# SC039213

Registered provider: Stellakis Mitiadous

Interim inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

## Information about this children's home

- The home accommodates up to six young people.
- In the statement of purpose, the provider states that care is provided for young people who have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

**Inspection date:** 20 December 2019

**Date of last inspection:** 10 July 2019

**Judgement at last inspection:** good

**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 this interim inspection, Ofsted judges that it has improved effectiveness.

The leadership and management of the home have improved. The registered manager and the deputy manager have ensured that the home has met the five recommendations made at the last inspection.

The home is settled. All the young people benefit from attending college or from having a place arranged for them to start in January 2020. Staff have bought new books for the home, and this is encouraging some of the young people to read during their leisure time.

When some of the young people go missing from the home, staff are making more effective use of information gained from return home interviews. This helps to reduce the incidents of going missing for some young people and the risks to their safety. Young people experience positive relationships with the local police.

The home's statement of purpose now includes clear information about how the staff can meet the needs of young people with autism spectrum disorder. Employment practice has improved, and there are clear systems for confirming when staff have passed their probationary period.

Young people continue to enjoy positive relationships with the staff. The young people enjoyed the new experience of a short break away with the staff in the summer holidays. All staff have developed their skills by working towards a level 2 qualification in managing behaviour.

The independent visitor has continued to monitor the service each month. Reports of their findings help the management team to develop the service. However, the visitor does not view any of the children's files to check their quality, as they have not yet sought permission to do so.

Staff support the young people to attend health appointments. The staff recognise that some of the young people fear treatment. Staff look for alternative venues which the young people may have more confidence to attend. Staff carry vital medication when they are out together with the young people. However, the young people are not carrying this medication when out alone, which could compromise their health.

## Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
10/07/2019	Full	Good
17/07/2018	Full	Requires improvement to be good
23/04/2018	Full	Inadequate
15/01/2018	Interim	Improved effectiveness

# 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
<p>When the independent person is carrying out a visit, the registered person must help the independent person—</p> <p>to inspect the premises of the home and such of the home's records (except for a child's case records, unless the child and the child's placing authority consent) as the independent person requires (Regulation 44 (2)(b)).</p> <p>Specifically, consider obtaining consent to view the children's files to review the quality of records.</p>	31/01/2020

## Recommendations

- Children's homes staff should encourage children to take a proactive role in looking after their day to day health and well-being. Where children have specific health needs or conditions, they should be supported to manage these subject to their age and understanding ('Guide to the children's homes regulations including the quality standards', page 34, paragraph 7.10). Specifically, staff should make sure that the young people carry medication with them when this is important to their health.

## Information about this inspection

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.

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people, 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:** SC039213

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

**Registered provider address:** N/A

**Responsible individual:** Stellakis Mitiadous

**Registered manager:** Abubakaar Sesay

**Inspector:** Jacqueline Graves, social care regulatory inspector

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