

Children's homes – Interim inspection

Inspection date	15/02/2017
Unique reference number	SC481312
Type of inspection	Interim
Provision subtype	Children's home
Registered provider	Aspirations Specialist Residential Children's Services Ltd
Registered provider address	Unit B/2, Elmbridge Court, Cheltenham Road East, Gloucester GL3 1JZ

Responsible individual	Christine Cameron
Registered manager	Post Vacant
Inspector	Sandra King

Inspection date	15/02/2017
Previous inspection judgement	Requires improvement
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	
<p>This home was judged as requires improvement at the full inspection. At this interim inspection, the home was 'not judged'.</p> <p>The home has not provided accommodation to children and young people since shortly after the last inspection. This inspection focuses on whether the children's home meets its statutory requirements in order to maintain its registration and is ready to accept placements.</p> <p>The home provides a nurturing and warm environment for young people. It has books and board games ready for young people. Decoration of young people's bedrooms will be undertaken when young people move in, so that they can participate and have their bedrooms personalised to their choice.</p> <p>A manager has now been appointed, and Ofsted is awaiting their application for registration. During the period in which the home has not had any children placed, staff have been completing training and gaining further experience at the provider's other homes. The manager has also started to recruit additional staff to complement the team.</p> <p>The requirements made at the last inspection have not been tested, due to the home not having any children in placement. However, a robust action plan has been forwarded to Ofsted.</p>	

Information about this children's home

This private children's home is registered to provide care for two young people who have emotional and behavioural difficulties.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
02/08/2016	Full	Requires improvement
01/03/2016	Interim	Declined in effectiveness
13/10/2015	Full	Good
20/03/2015	Full	Outstanding

What the inspection judgements mean

At the interim inspection, we make a judgement on whether the home has improved in effectiveness, sustained effectiveness, or declined in effectiveness since the previous full inspection. This is in line with the 'Inspection of children's homes: framework for inspection'.

Information about this inspection

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people living in the children's home. Inspectors considered the quality of work and the difference that adults make to the lives of children and young people. They read case files, watched how professional staff work with children, young people and each other and discussed the effectiveness of help and care given to children and young people. Wherever possible, they talked to children, 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.

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