

Inspection report for children's home

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About this inspection

The purpose of this inspection is to assure children and young people, parents, the public, local authorities and government of the quality and standard of the service provided. The inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000 to assess the effectiveness of the service and to consider how well it complies with the relevant regulations and meets the national minimum standards.

The report details the progress made by the provider since the last full inspection, identifies any further strengths, any areas for improvement and makes judgements as outlined in the *Inspection of children's homes – framework for inspection (March 2011)*.

The inspection judgements and what they mean

Good progress	The children's home has demonstrated continued improvement in quality of care and outcomes for children and young people and where appropriate has addressed all requirements and the large majority of recommendations that were raised at the previous inspection.
Satisfactory progress	The children's home has maintained quality of care and outcomes for children and young people and where appropriate has addressed all requirements and the majority of recommendations that were raised at the previous inspection.
Inadequate progress	The children's home has failed to address one or more requirements and/or has not met the majority of recommendations and/or the quality of care and outcomes for children and young people have declined since the last full inspection.

Service information

Brief description of the service

This children's home is run by a private company and is registered to provide care and accommodation for one child or young person with emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

Progress

Since their previous inspection the service is judged to be making **good** progress.

At the full inspection in July 2011, the overall quality rating for the service was judged as good with no requirements or recommendations made. The service provider has taken action to ensure the recommendations made in other services have been rolled out across all its operations. No further requirements or recommendations have been raised as a result of this inspection.

The manager and staff provide a consistent level of care and support on an individual basis to young people in order to provide a safe and stable environment in which they can develop. Staff work well with allied professionals to ensure young people's needs are met and strive to achieve positive outcomes from the placement. There is a continued commitment to providing individually tailored care and staff are responsive to young people's expressed wishes or needs.

The service has good working relationships with parents and the education facilities young people attend. Staff support young people to continue their education and skills past the point of compulsory education. As a result young people are able to pursue their subjects of choice into further education. Significant family contacts are maintained and supported by staff from the home. Young people benefit from the quality of care and support provided by being able to function more ably within their family and wider environment. There are good arrangements in place to monitor the health of young people, and staff work with allied health and social work professionals in a constructive way. This provides a multi-agency approach to meeting the care needs of young people and working towards best possible outcomes for them.

The physical environment of the home is homely, warm and well maintained. The registered manager has plans to refurbish areas of the house and improve the level of provision for those who live there. Young people said that they felt happy in the home, they were observed to have a good rapport with staff and felt safe. There have been no incidents of young people going missing and physical interventions are not required. Where sanctions have been applied they have been more effective and consequently have reduced in frequency.

There are good practices in place to monitor standards of care being delivered and

the home has a development plan already in place. This document is maintained electronically and added to as issues are identified.