

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 service is operated by a independent organisation. Children and young people using this service have emotional or behavioural difficulties. The service is registered to provide residential care and accommodation for one child or young person of either gender aged between seven and 17 at any time. Staffing is appropriate to the individual needs of young people in placement.

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 and one recommendation set within the inspection report.

Since the last inspection the Registered Manager has addressed the recommendation to ensure that placement planning is evident and continues to inform the home's care planning through statutory reviews. The Registered Manager makes notes of action points arising from these meetings and amends the care plans accordingly. This is good practice as the placing authority does not supply formal minutes following statutory meetings in a timely manner.

The manager and staff provide a consistent level of care and support to young people that has encouraged them to develop self-awareness and increased their social contact. Young people have made significant progress in terms of their education attendance and community involvement. Staff involvement during the education day has been withdrawn as young people are managing their own emotions more effectively. 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 allied professionals and parents. The views of stakeholders are sought and support their satisfaction with the standards of care being provided by the service. There is a particular commitment to working with families and young people in placement in order to maintain significant family contacts. This often involves staff undertaking responsibilities above normal expectations.

There are good arrangements in place to monitor the health of young people, including their physical, mental and sexual health and development. Staff work with allied health professionals in a constructive way to identify issues and work towards best possible outcomes for young people.

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. The home was previously an inoperative service and so the development planning is still in the early stages in relation to the current placement.