

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

The home is a short break residential home for children and young people with severe physical and/or learning disabilities. It is run by an independent not-for-profit organisation working to meet the needs of children with physical and learning disabilities. It is registered to provide care for up to seven children or young people at any one time. Day care is also provided.

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.

Progress

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

The service was last inspected during October 2012 when it was judged to be good in all areas, with no statutory requirements or recommendations arising from the inspection. The home continues to improve, operate smoothly on a day-to-day basis and is being very well managed. Reports of registered provider visits are being submitted to Ofsted at the required intervals and reflect positively on how the home is operating. Staffing remains a real strength of the home. A committed and caring staff group provide individualised care of a very good quality to young people with varied and complex needs. Young people are very happy spending time at the home and their parents' views are extremely positive about the care provided for them. Results from very recent surveys of young people and their parents were overwhelmingly positive. One parent spoken to during the inspection described the home as a 'fantastic place' where the care was excellent and where their child was very happy and 'loves the place'.

The manager of the home displays a clear and enthusiastic commitment to the

continuing improvement of the service for the benefit of young people. Since the previous inspection, she has been instrumental in introducing a number of new initiatives which are successfully improving outcomes for young people. An audit against Ofsted's children's homes evaluation schedule was carried out, with areas for improvement identified and an action plan drawn up. Subsequently, there have been improvements in the care planning processes which are: promoting and supporting positive relationships for young people; helping to promote their good health; and ensuring they are able to engage in more activities they enjoy doing. There has also been increased consultation with young people and the introduction of individual goals for each young person, one of which is linked to their individual education plan. In addition, since the previous inspection there has been successful fund-raising carried out with the money raised earmarked for the development of the front garden as a play/sensory area.

The home is judged to have made good progress since the previous inspection and there are no statutory requirements or recommendations arising from this inspection.

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*.