

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

A private organisation operates this children's home. This service is registered for one young person aged between 11 and 17 years of age. The home cares for children with emotional and behavioural difficulties.

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 purpose of this visit is to assess the progress made since the time of the last inspection and how any progress has improved the quality of care and outcomes for young people. The last full inspection was undertaken in July 2012; the home was then found to be good with some outstanding features.

At that time, the provider and Registered Manager were asked to take account of one requirement and one recommendation to improve further the quality of care in the home. These were in relation to documentary shortfalls. Since that time the Statement of Purpose has been revised and fully reflects the service aims and objectives. The children's guide has also been revised to include contact details for the Children's Rights Director; (Ofsted) this will provide young people with an additional independent advocate if they wish or need to make contact.

The young people remain very positive about the quality of care in the home. They report positive and constructive relationships with the staff and feel safe in the home. Young people have clear plans in place and wish to continue living at the home and are achieving excellent outcomes across all areas of their welfare and

development; they have made exceptional progress.

Additionally staff in the home report very favourably about the training, supervision and support offered to them; this is good because it enables staff to be enabled and confident in undertaking their role.

The home is situated in a location that supports its aims and objectives and proposed models of care for children and young people. This includes children being able to access external services, recreational activities and to maintain and develop relationships with family and friends. The overall appearance of the home is good; however the doorbell is broken and carpet in the dining area requires replacement due to damage that cannot be repaired.

The home has demonstrated continued improvement in quality of care and outcomes for children and young people and has addressed the requirement and the recommendation that were raised at the previous inspection. As a result the home is making good progress.

Areas for improvement

Recommendations

To improve the quality and standards of care further the service should take account of the following recommendation(s):

- ensure that the home is well maintained by replacing the doorbell and the damaged carpet in the dining area. (NMS 10.3)

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*.