

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

This is a privately run children's home. It provides accommodation and support to four young people of either sex, aged between 11 and 18-years-old. The home is registered to care for young people with emotional or behavioural difficulties and young people with a mild mental disorder.

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.

At the full inspection in October 2011 the overall quality rating for the service was judged as outstanding with no requirements or recommendations set within the inspection report. One new recommendation relating to internal monitoring reports has been made as a result of this inspection but does not impact on the care young people receive.

The Registered Manager and staff team have demonstrated continued improvement in the quality of care provided and positive outcomes for young people. The home continues to work very well to help young people develop positive and constructive relationships with their family and peers. This has included young people accessing and making progress in areas such as foundation learning courses. Consideration has been given to the needs of the young people and their family situations, resources have been matched to needs and there is a clear planning process in operation to assist later transition into adult life.

The management and leadership of the home are good and continue to develop the

resources of the home in terms of staffing ability and skills. Internal monitoring has been developed through team meetings and a new quality assurance work programme for staff. So far no internal monitoring reports, made under Regulation 34, have been submitted to Ofsted as recommended in Guidance documents.

Areas for improvement

Recommendations

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

- submit completed reports made under Regulation 34 to HMCI within 28 days of completion and at least at six monthly intervals. (Volume 5, statutory guidance, para 3.14)

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)*.