

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

The home provides care for up to two young people who have experienced emotional and behavioural difficulties. A private company owns and operates the setting.

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 last inspection in August 2011, this home was judged as outstanding with one recommendation for improvement. This was about the facilitating of self-medication for some young people and has been incorporated into practice. This interim inspection found that good progress has been made. There are no requirements or recommendations made as a result of this inspection.

Young people continue to benefit from well-planned and personalised care. They are settled and well cared for and this stability leads to improved outcomes in all aspects of their lives. Young people have exceptionally good attendance and achievement in education. Their health is significantly improved by access to a variety of health agencies and engagement is encouraged. Care plans are individual and young people actively participate in agreeing the content where appropriate. Staff offer support to parents and significant others to help progress plans and maintain relationships. This means young people receive high-quality and comprehensive support that is specific to their individual needs. Outcomes are excellent because of this committed and consistent approach.

The Registered Manager consistently monitors the quality of care to improve outcomes for young people. Staff say that they are well supported and their professional development is encouraged. Because of this, young people benefit from a stable, motivated and enthusiastic staff group who offer high-quality care. The management team is keen to increase the consultation with young people, parents and professionals. Young people now have a consultation paper to contribute to the Registered Manager's routine auditing of the home. Consultation papers are sent out to seek the views of other people, such as social workers, parents and neighbours. This leads to effective communication and the positive involvement of young people in their own care.

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)*.