

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

This home is operated by a private organisation. The home is registered to provide care for two young people with emotional or behavioural difficulties. However, the home only provides care for one young person at any one time, unless the two children are siblings and it is considered appropriate for them to share a bedroom.

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 **satisfactory progress**.

At the last full inspection in December 2013 the overall effectiveness of the home was judged as good. Following the full inspection there were no requirements or recommendations made.

There are currently no children or young people living in the home. This interim inspection focuses on whether the registration requirements continue to be met and the home is suitable to accommodate children and young people. A tour of the home was undertaken and there are no outstanding repairs and all administration records are in place. This ensures that the home is suitable to accommodate children and young people.

The staff team remain the same and are currently working in other homes within this organisation. The staff meet regularly and will come together once an admission to this home is made. Staff visit the home on a weekly basis to carryout checks and to make sure the home remains in good condition.

There have been several referral enquiries from placing authorities since the previous young person left the home. However, these have been turned down as not suitable for this home. This ensures the children's home only provides admission to children and young people whose assessed needs they can reasonably expect to meet.

There has been a planned move for one young person following the last inspection. The young person was supported to move successfully to a semi-independent placement. End of placement feedback questionnaires received from the young person, their family and professionals are complimentary and returned with no issues raised. This shows all parties are happy with the services provided by this home.

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*.