

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 **good progress**.

The home was last inspected in August 2012 and was judged as good in overall effectiveness. No statutory requirements or recommendations were made. A high quality of care has been maintained between inspections and the home continues to obtain improved outcomes for young people.

Young people are proud of their achievements and improvements in their behaviour and respond well to praise. Their views are central to the running of the home and young people receive highly individualised care that is well planned and consistent. Because of this, young people develop a sense of security and trust which leads to significant improvements in both behaviour and relationships. The committed and motivated staff confirm that they feel supported in their work and are provided with the training needed to enable them to provide high quality care for young people.

Effective management of the home means that there is a clear focus on improving outcomes for young people. Since the last inspection, some policies have been reviewed and updated. There are improvements to the gathering and recording to

information during recruitment procedures which means the home is even more robust in ensuring that only suitable people are appointed. This demonstrates an efficient and focused management of the 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*.