

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

The home is one of five children's homes owned by a private company. It is registered to provide care for two young people with emotional or 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 home's overall effectiveness was judged as outstanding at the last inspection in August 2012; no requirements or recommendations were made.

Young people say they feel safe, settled and are making good progress in this home. They are cared for by a stable and dedicated staff team who are knowledgeable about the young people in their care. This means young people receive highly personalised care, which in turn leads to positive outcomes. Young people benefit from living in a homely domestic setting where their wishes and feelings are integral to the running of the home.

The Registered Manager and staff remain ambitious for improvement and development to ensure young people continue to receive high quality care and experience improved outcomes. Staff are supported by a highly motivated management team and their supervision is regular. This allows staff to reflect on and develop effective practice. The management team have reviewed their paperwork in respect of monitoring the care offered in the home to ensure that it leads to more effective evaluation of practice and drives further improvement.

Young people's case files are well maintained. Staff record all direct work sessions and daily accounts of activities are available. A range of risk assessments ensure that the individual needs of young people are met and are understood by the staff team. However, the case records did not have some of the information that is required to comply with Schedule 3. Because of this some information is not as readily available in an emergency as it might be.

Areas for improvement

Statutory Requirements

This section sets out the actions which must be taken so that the registered person/s meets the Care Standards Act 2000, Children's Homes Regulations 2001 and the National Minimum Standards. The registered person(s) must comply with the given timescales.

Reg.	Requirement	Due date
28 (2001)	ensure that young people's case records contain all the information required in Schedule 3.(Regulation 28(1))	28/02/2013

Recommendations

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

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*.