

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

This is a private children's home; the owner is also the Registered Manager. The home provides care for up to six young people between the ages of five and 18 years. The home cares for young people within a group living 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 full inspection in November 2011, the overall judgement for the effectiveness of the home was good. Young people are continuing to make good progress in educational attendance, attainment, behaviour and in developing social and independence skills. A young person said, 'The best thing about the home is the staff.' Another young person said they enjoy all the clubs they attend. Young people have positive relationships with the staff which enables them to make progress in their lives.

The two recommendations made at the last inspection have been met. Staff are receiving supervision at regular intervals to promote their development and to assist in providing good care to young people. Staff have undertaken refresher training in behaviour management and physical intervention. This makes sure a positive approach is used to manage young people's behaviour and the practices used keep young people safe.

One recommendation has not been implemented in full and is, therefore, repeated. The carpets in the hallway and lounge are showing signs of wear and tear and there

are very few homely touches in the lounge. This does not ensure the environment is maintained to high standard throughout to provide young people with a comfortable home that enhances their daily life.

Areas for improvement

Recommendations

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

- improve the environment to provide a more comfortable and homely environment that is well maintained; in particular the carpets in the hallway and lounge and additional homely touches. (NMS 10.3)

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)*.