

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

This is a private children's home that provides care and accommodation for up to seven young people with physical disabilities and emotional and/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 **satisfactory progress**.

At the last full inspection the home's overall effectiveness was judged as good. This quality has been maintained and the previous recommendation to accurately record information has been addressed. There have been no young people placed at the home for approximately one month.

The Registered Manager remains in charge of the day-to-day running of the home and staff are currently based in other homes owned by the company. The Registered Manager ensures that the home continues to operate through staff training and regular supervision. All staff are suitably qualified and experienced in providing care to young people. A full staff team will return to the home once young people are appropriately matched and prepared for the placement.

Young people are protected through well trained staff who have a good understanding of their duties in promoting young people's welfare. Staff policies and procedures are in place to secure a robust response to any allegation or disclosure of abuse. Furthermore, thorough recruitment and vetting processes are in place to

ensure staff are fit to work with young people. Young people are also involved in the interviews of potential staff to make sure their views count in the decision making process.

There is a detailed Statement of Purpose which gives clear information about how the service operates and meets the needs of young people. It is made available to placing social workers, parents and partner agencies involved with the home, so that they are informed about how young people are cared for. There is also a suitable young people's guide which is available to them prior to placement. It describes the working of the home and gives young people information about their rights and contact details for independent advocacy.

The home is currently being re-decorated, in the absence of young people, to improve the living environment. The Registered Manager ensures that insurance certificates are up to date and that electrical, gas and fire equipment are checked and serviced regularly. This provides a safe and hazard free environment for young people to be accommodated in the future.

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*.