

Inspection report for children's home

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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)*.

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.

Service information

Brief description of the service

The home is registered with Ofsted to provide care and accommodation for up to six young people on a medium to long-term basis in preparation for foster care, rehabilitation home with family, or independent living. The home is privately owned.

Progress

Since their previous inspection the service is judged to be making **good** progress.

The home has made good progress since its previous inspection. It has met all of the recommendations that were made at the last inspection, resulting in the continued improvement in the quality of young people's care. As a result, young people's positive outcomes are promoted.

The use of sanctions is rare and there is good emphasis placed on rewarding young people for their positive behaviour. Consequently, young people are well supported to behave in a positive way. Pathway plans are used by staff to support young people to achieve a planned level of independence. This ensures young people develop their knowledge and skills, to enable them to make the successful transition to adulthood.

The standard of young people's accommodation has been improved since the last inspection. Young people benefit from homely, well-furnished and comfortable living accommodation which promotes their needs and provides them with a safe and suitable environment. Young people are supported to attend school or alternative provision to promote their educational achievement. As a result, their positive educational outcomes are promoted very well. Young people are actively supported to achieve their goals and aspirations which enables them to broaden their social networks and friendships.

Young people benefit from a well-managed home which promotes their needs effectively. Staff receive a diverse range of training to enable them to develop their knowledge and skills to meet young people's needs. As a result, young people benefit from well trained, suitably qualified and experienced staff.

The performance of the home is monitored effectively to promote the smooth operations of the home. As a result, the standards and quality of young people's care is further promoted. Young people are involved in the running of the home and their views and opinions are routinely considered to enable their positive contribution towards their care. As a result, young people are listened to and their contribution is valued.

There are no requirements or recommendations made as a consequence of this inspection.