

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

The home is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to six young people with emotional and behavioural difficulties. The home is privately owned.

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 judged to provide young people with a good standard of care at its last inspection. Two of four previous recommendations have been addressed successfully. Two other shortfalls about activities and pathway planning no longer exist because they related to the needs of particular children who no longer live at the home. There are no further requirements or recommendations made, because of this inspection.

Staff have ensured young people now have access to specialist support, where necessary, to promote their needs effectively. They now ensure young people benefit from contact, which enables them to sustain their positive attachments. Staff provide young people with good support, to promote their personal safety. Risks associated with young people's risk taking behaviours are identified clearly. This enables staff to be clear about what action to take to keep young people safe from harm. The home works closely with a range of professional agencies to ensure young people receive good support and protection to be safe and feel safe. Staff are trained in child protection so they how to protect young people from abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Young people know how to make a complaint and their rights are promoted

effectively. Staff know how to promote young people's safe return if they are missing or absent without authority. Staff work hard to reduce the frequency with which young people go missing so that young people do not place themselves at risk, of significant harm. There have been no restraints or complaints since the last inspection. Young people's positive behaviour is promoted effectively and there is positive use of sanctions and rewards.

Young people benefit from a home that is managed efficiently and where the quality of their care is reviewed and monitored effectively. Health and safety checks are up to date. As a result, young people live in safe environment that promotes their welfare and safety. Young people's views about their care and their relationships with staff are consistently positive. Young people said, 'Staff are good at looking after us. If you're upset, they help you. If you need anything they get it for you. The staff are there for you, that's the best thing. I have no issues living here. I like the home just the way it is.'

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*.