

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

A private organisation owns and manages this home. The home offers residential placements for up to six children of either sex, who are between the ages of eight and 16 years. It specialises in providing therapeutic care for children who have experienced trauma in their lives and display a variety of behavioural problems.

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 previous full inspection in June 2013, the overall quality rating for the service was judged as outstanding with no requirements or recommendations for improvement.

The home continues to provide excellent, well planned and personalised care tailored to meet the needs of young people. Positive outcomes are achieved through a dedicated and skilled team who maximise the potential of young people to achieve excellence.

A particular strength being the strong management structure and the commitment of the staff team who are clearly very passionate about promoting the best possible outcomes for young people. This is demonstrated through an enthusiasm for continued training in new approaches to providing care and support.

Young people are encouraged to take an active role in their own care and enjoy living at the home. The home is outstanding in ensuring that young people are not

only kept safe, but also develop the knowledge and confidence to keep themselves safe. Very good liaison with external agencies ensures that young people receive high levels of support in all aspects of their lives.

Young people are actively encouraged to make positive choices and to use every opportunity to develop and reach their individual potential. Placement plans recognise young people's individuality and encourage the celebration of difference. Young people are given every opportunity to make decisions about the running of the home and their future.

Young people excel within education, in relation to their starting point on moving into the home. Staff consistently have realistic aspirations for the young people and support their educational placements with robust communication between home and school staff.

The home continues to provide a nurturing and supportive environment within which young people feel safe and enjoy positive relationships with staff. Staff are proactive in addressing the challenges young people present and work effectively in partnership with internal and external agencies to protect and promote their welfare.

Young people live in a very safe and very well-maintained environment that supports their developmental needs. The investment in the home in terms of décor, furnishings and equipment is exceptional; this sends a clear message to young people that they are valued.

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*.