

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**.

Resulting from the home's previous full inspection in August 2012, the overall quality rating for the service was assessed as outstanding with no requirements but one recommendation being raised.

Staff have a clearer understanding of the homes procedure in recording sanctions for young people's unacceptable behaviour.

This children's home demonstrates continued improvement in the quality of care provided with a clear and focused commitment to service development. A particular strength of the home is 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 in providing care and support.

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. They 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.

Young people continue to receive well planned care provided by a committed and competent staff team. Staff provide clear boundaries within a caring environment. Young people have a positive view of the care that they receive and say that their relationships with staff are good. Young people confirm that they 'feel safe' and that they feel that they would be able to talk to staff if they were worried or anxious. The culture and practice within the home promotes individual identity, difference and equality. As a result, young people receive high quality care and support which is based on their individual identified needs.

Effective monitoring systems review the quality of care that young people receive and identify areas where outcomes for young people may be improved. Extremely detailed reports of monitoring visits are produced which demonstrate an excellent level of consultation.

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*.