

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 last inspection in October 2011, the overall quality rating for the service was judged as outstanding. The home has demonstrated continued improvement in the quality of the care it provides. Children and young people's welfare is enhanced by the good relationships that exist between staff and young people.

Since the previous inspection much work has been done to evaluate the level of service provided and to progress the home's development plans. For example: Staff receive training and support for when they are required to supervise and facilitate young people's contact with family members; the manager and deputy manager have successfully completed the award in safeguarding children and young people at level three; monthly monitoring systems effectively review and identify areas where outcomes for young people may be improved.

Young people continue to receive well-planned care provided by a committed and competent staff team. Staff provide clear boundaries within a caring environment. 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.

Two young people resident at the time of the full inspection in October 2011 have successfully moved on. One returning home and the other into supported living; both are progressing well. Staff are maintaining contact with them at the discretion of the young people.

There have been continuing improvements in outcomes for young people regarding their education. They have extremely good school attendance, are positively engaged with a vast range of educational activities and are achieving above and beyond initial assessed expectations.

Staff take positive steps to ensure that the young people live in a safe, secure and caring environment. Staff attend training and have access to clear information about child protection and safeguarding requirements. As a result, they demonstrate a confident understanding of the action to take should they have any concerns about a young person's safety or well-being.

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)*.