

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

The children's home is registered to offer short break placements for children and young people with learning and/or physical disabilities. The home is owned and run by a charitable organisation.

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 has made good progress since the last full inspection in January 2014, when the judgement for overall effectiveness was good, and all individual judgements were also good. The home received two recommendations at the last inspection; one concerned procedures to monitor and control activities. A new system is underway which will also provide more evidence for outcomes for the young people. The second recommendation concerned the monitoring and information explored in regulation 34 reports. A new regulation 34 report has been seen which contains the required information.

Young people enjoy consistent, professional relationships with the staff. Staff receive training and have an excellent and comprehensive knowledge of working with young people with disabilities. Young people are able to benefit greatly from these relationships and receiving support from the staff.

The young people are in school full-time. Support is given to the young people in getting up for school, so they are ready when the transport arrives to take them. The home has excellent facilities to support the learning and creative needs of the young

people.

Young people enjoy activities which they have chosen. The staff support the young people and risk assess activities so they can enjoy new experiences and learn from them at their own pace. The home works very hard to ensure the young people enjoy inventive and special experiences which benefit both them and their families enabling them to spend quality time together.

The young people have independence plans. These plans are geared towards each young person's specific needs, age and understanding. Support is offered to young people and parents when making the transition to adult services.

Young people spending time at the home have very different and specific needs; staff have created comprehensive plans and risk assessments to support these. The home ensures that young people can take part in and, where appropriate, attend the statutory review meetings.

Staff undertake training and access opportunities to study for qualifications. The home offers the staff a good range of training for both mandatory areas and subject-specific training.

The manager continues to ensure that the young people live in a well-cared-for environment which is safe and secure. Young people are able to voice their opinions and complain when they are unhappy. Complaints are dealt with within timescales and to a satisfactory level.

The home has an experienced manager who has supported the team to develop ideas and working practices to ensure young people's needs and complex issues are addressed through supportive, trusting relationships. The manager ensures the home is always reviewing its practice and developing in order to offer the young people a good place to spend time in.

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*.