

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

The home can accommodate up to seven children and young people aged from six to 17 years. The service aims to accommodate children and young people who have emotional and behavioural difficulties and provides a therapeutic care approach towards meeting their needs. The home is part of an organisation which has three residential homes and a school.

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 June 2012, the home was judged to be outstanding overall. Three recommendations were made and have been addressed. The current format of the Regulation 34 reports for monitoring and improving the quality of care have been amended to ensure these are fully in line with legislation. Records of all physical interventions clearly show exact timings of the actual intervention carried out. The setting's buildings risk assessment now shows when areas are completed.

Since the last inspection the manager has successfully completed the process to be the Registered Manager. She provides clear and confident leadership with excellent management skills. She is supported by an effective and stable staff team. As a result children continue to progress very well in numerous aspects of their lives including education and behaviour.

Education attendance is of a high level with a huge amount of support and encouragement by staff, resulting in some children who prior to placement had not

attended school now engaging full time in school.

Good progress has been made with working with children to deter them from running away. As a result there have been no reported incidents of any children running away. There has been no police involvement as the numbers of incidents have also continued to decrease significantly.

The Registered Manager and the deputy manager are currently visiting all local authorities for the children they have placed to gain comprehensive information to enable life chronologies to be written so as to better inform individual life story work. If needed a qualified therapist will carry out the life story work.

Transitions for children moving on to another of the organisation's homes that caters for older children are extremely organised and delivered with sensitivity and individuality. Children who six months ago would struggle with transitions are now making tremendous progress in moving on to a more age appropriate setting within the organisation.

The house is subject to significant upgrading and redecoration that commenced two weeks prior to this inspection. Areas being upgraded include; bedrooms, new showers, new carpets, new ceilings, a new stair case, the play room being relocated upstairs to become a soft play room and the manager's office currently located in the basement being relocated to the first floor.

Children are able to form healthy attachments with staff and other professionals through individualised intensive programmes of therapeutic care. As a result children are able to address all areas of their lives within a safe environment. Very positive results have been seen as a result of the Therapeutic input and hard work by the staff team. Children learn to speak with a confident voice in group meetings or one to one sessions and are supported in being able to articulate their feelings and emotions and how these impact on their behaviours. As a result they are able to move forward with their feelings of poor self-esteem and self-worth.

Children state they feel safe at the home and like the staff team. They confirm they have a voice in the running of the home and in decisions made about their lives. They confirm staff guide them to keep safe when out in the community.

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*.