

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. 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**.

The overall outcome judgement of the last inspection in November 2013 was outstanding. Young people continue to benefit from positive outcomes. Staff have a good understanding of young people's needs and address these well. This helps to ensure that young people make progress in their personal development.

The systems for monitoring the quality of care have been improved. Reporting systems are now more comprehensive, reflective and evaluative. The improved quality assurance within the service promotes young people's welfare by ensuring continued high quality in the running of the home.

There are ongoing efforts to ensure that young people live in a home that promotes their welfare. Progress has been made in relation to the effectiveness of fire evacuation drills and the accurate recording of these. Records of fire drills now provide more detailed information about the drill such as the young people and staff who were involved in the drill and their responses to the drill. This helps to ensure

that fire drills are effective in safeguarding young people from the risk of fire. Fire safety arrangements in general continue to be effective and promote the safety of young people.

Young people continue to benefit from living in a safe environment that is comfortable and homely. There is an on-going programme of renovation, with plans to modernise all areas of the home. The main bathroom is currently being replaced and improved and young people have been involved in the planning of this. Three bedrooms have been decorated to a high standard since the last inspection. A young person said 'I like my bedroom'.

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*.