

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

This is a privately owned children's home. The home is registered to provide care and accommodation for one young person with emotional or behavioural difficulties.

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 July 2012 the overall effectiveness of the home was judged to be good. At that inspection there was one requirement and one recommendation for improvement made. Appropriate action has been taken to address both of these. Good progress has been made in assisting young people to attain a stable baseline of acceptable behaviour. This has enabled them to move in a positive manner to future placements.

A programme of maintenance and replacement work has been carried out at the home which has enhanced the environment. The garden fence, which was noted at the last inspection to have collapsed, has been replaced with a strong good quality structure. This ensures that the exterior environment is homely and offers security and safety for young people and staff.

Work has also been undertaken to the bathroom and lounge ceiling to rectify damage caused by previous leaks and overflows of water. The lounge ceiling has been repaired and resealed; ensuring the domestic and homely ethos of the room can be continued. New flooring and walls have been fitted in the bathroom with the addition of plastic shields to prevent a reoccurrence of leaks. This means that the

bathroom is warm and welcoming for young people to use and it has been decorated in a domestic fashion.

External managers continue to visit on a monthly basis to assess the quality of care. A new visit report template is now available which enables enhanced information to be recorded on young people's progress. Reports recently completed contain full details of the work required with a young person, what has already been completed and future plans. The introduction of the revised template ensures that details of how well the home is supporting young people to achieve can be captured.

The development plan for the service continues to be regularly updated. An action implemented as a result of the plan has been the introduction of an impact record. This has enabled evidence to be formally recorded of the value and impact that living at the home has had on young people's lives. Entries demonstrate how the home has created a stable base for young people as well as details on their progress when they have left.

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*.