

Inspection report for children's home

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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)*.

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.

Service information

Brief description of the service

This is a private children's home providing up to four placements to young people aged 11 to 17 years.

Progress

Since their previous inspection the service is judged to be making **satisfactory** progress.

At the last full inspection in December 2011, the overall judgement for the home was outstanding. Since the last inspection young people have made satisfactory progress overall, in education, keeping safe, developing independence and social skills.

A young person said 'I'm doing OK at college but my attendance could improve and staff talk to be about this,' and 'I've just started to do more on independence and I'm cooking twice a week now, I'm ok at cooking but don't talk to me about budgeting'. Both young people who spoke with the inspector said they felt safe, got on with the staff, and were happy living at the home. A young person said 'The holiday to Wales was great, I really enjoyed it.'

The manager and staff continue to work in a coordinated way to provide a high standard of care which is, child-focused and individualised for young people living in the home. Building trusting relationships is seen as a key to working and engaging with young people. Priority is given to safeguarding, education and meeting young people's individual and diverse needs.

One recommendation was made at the last inspection. Progress has been made to identify the areas where improvement and development should take place for the service which will improve the quality of care further. However, this is yet to be formally written into the development plan. Therefore, the recommendation is carried forward at this inspection.

Areas for improvement

Recommendations

To improve the quality and standards of care further the service should take account of the following recommendation(s):

- build further on the development plan, to ensure it identifies the specific changes in the operation and resources of the service, to bring further improvement or development. (NMS 15.2)