

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

This short-break centre is run by a registered charity. It offers overnight short-break care places for up to five children and young people with learning disabilities, who may also have physical disabilities. Day care is also offered on the same site for children and young people with similar needs.

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 November 2013 the home was judged as good. There have been improvements made since this time. Actions raised at the inspection included two requirements and two recommendations. The Registered Manager has demonstrated commitment to addressing these shortfalls meeting all fully. Monthly internal monitoring of the home takes place. The manager evaluates this at regular intervals and completes summary reports, which are submitted to Ofsted. This meets a requirement made at previous inspection and informs the Registered Manager of the strengths and weaknesses of the home.

The requirement and recommendation made at the last inspection relating to repairs and electrical wires have been addressed. The bathroom ceiling is repaired and further decoration to the bedrooms has been completed in consultation with young people. This has improved the home environment and reflects the choices made by young people who use this short break service. Electrical wires are concealed to promote the safety of young people. These enhancements to the home promote young people's comfort and safety during their stay.

There has been a reduction in the use of agency care provision with the recruitment of additional staff. This promotes consistency of care for young people.

Consultation with young people is excellent. Staff use a range of communication tools to promote young people's interaction. Young people have extensive involvement in the running of the home through discussions at young people's forums, one example of this is setting rules for the home. Young people tell staff how they wish to be treated when they stay and their expectations of other young people who use the service. This shows that young people's views are integral to running the home.

Staff have introduced achievement targets to promote improved outcomes for young people. They set achievable targets for young people and monitor their progress. This helps young people to gain additional skills as a result of their short break stays. They receive certificates and praise from staff when they reach their goals giving young people raised self esteem.

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*.