

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

This children's home provides care and accommodation for up to five young people of either gender who have emotional and/or behavioural difficulties. The home is owned by a private company.

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 rating for this service at its last full inspection on 14 August 2013 was good. At this inspection two requirements were made. These have now been met.

Since the last inspection work has been undertaken to improve the furnishing and décor throughout the house. The registered manager has a development plan in place with clear timescales to ensure good standards are maintained and work is on-going. Young people's bedrooms have been refurbished and decorated with their involvement. New carpets have been laid in the sun lounge, chill out room, sitting room and hall. The ceiling has been repaired in the utility room. The sitting room has been decorated and now has a bright wallpapered feature wall. The young people have sanded and varnished the dining room table.

The home has two vehicles. One was replaced after the last inspection and now both are in a reasonable state of repair.

This home continues to effectively support young men who exhibit very high risk behaviours. The staff team remains consistent and have a wide range of professional

experience. They know the young people well and establish very positive relationships. Although there are challenging incidents these are managed well through effective discussions. Physical interventions and the use of sanctions are minimal as the emphasis of this placement is moving forward onto adulthood and taking personal responsibility for your behaviours. As a result staff have been successful at stabilising young people who have historically been very unsettled.

All young people continue to make good progress. Although some young people still struggle with aspects of their lives the staff team works effectively with partnership agencies and family to achieve good or improving outcomes in those areas. For example, there is positive work undertaken in partnership with police and youth offending services to successfully reduce episodes of missing from care and drug misuse.

Young people feel they are making good progress. They know the purpose of their placement and have clear goals. They have positive social links through clubs and hobbies as well as established friendships in the local community. They continue to learn social and independence skills in a safe environment that supports them to move on in line with their care plan. The Registered Manager is proactive in ensuring they are appropriately supported by their local authority. Where necessary she helps young people to liaise with children's rights, advocates and independent reviewing officers.

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*.