

## Inspection report for children's home

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## Service information

### Brief description of the service

This home is registered to accommodate up to three young people of either gender with emotional and behavioural difficulties. The service is owned by a private company.

### The inspection judgements and what they mean

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| <b>Good progress</b>         | 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. |
| <b>Satisfactory progress</b> | 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.                                  |
| <b>Inadequate progress</b>   | 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 18 December 2013 was good. One requirement and one recommendation were made. Both of these have been met.

Since the last inspection all the young people have resumed their education. One young person, who had just moved in to the home prior to the last inspection, was supported by staff to work to an educational timetable until a new school placement was identified. He has now been supported to start his new full-time placement at a local school. Two other young people's college placements had broken down prior to the last inspection. With support from the staff team they have now both identified and started new college courses.

Staff continue to receive training and all have completed the company's mandatory training. Since the last inspection they have received training on the storage and handling of medication and on bullying. The Registered Manager has used team meetings to discuss education and share information. She is currently sourcing some additional training on supporting young people to make good educational progress.

Young people are making good progress. They have effective support networks. For example, some have well established friends in the local community. Family contact is promoted and supported for all young people. Young people are social and develop a range of hobbies and interests. For example, some are active members of clubs such as football and martial arts clubs. Young people new to the home are supported to explore what activities are on offer in the area or look for things they are interested in. For example, researching local cadet groups. Staff support them well in this.

The staff team continue to promote good quality care. They offer effective support to young people moving into the home, ensuring they are well informed and have key staff around them to provide help. Staff quickly register young people with medical professionals, making sure that they attend appointments and that any medical needs are met. Staff promote healthy lifestyles and age appropriate behaviour. For example, since moving into the home, one young person no longer smokes

The staff team also ensure young people develop the skills they require to move on in line with their local authority plans. Young people work through tasks and exercises in key worker sessions and take on responsibilities in the house that ensure they develop the knowledge and skills they will need in the future.

The safety and welfare of young people continues to be promoted at all times. High risk incidents are rare. Staff have positive relationships with young people and promote regular discussion. There have been no physical interventions since the last inspection. There have been two incidents of a young person going missing from care, only one of which happened from the home. However, both incidents were managed well with effective partnership work with the police and good work with the young person.

## 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*.