

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

The children's home is owned and operated by a private organisation. It is registered to provide care and accommodation for two young people with behavioural and emotional 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 previous full inspection in September 2013, the overall effectiveness of the service was judged as good. One requirement and one recommendation for improvement were set. This inspection looked at the progress made and at any other concerns raised since the last inspection. Good progress has been made since the last inspection; both the requirement and recommendation have been addressed by the Registered Manager.

Since the last inspection, positive behaviour has been promoted, there have been few measures of control imposed and no physical interventions. The Registered Manager now robustly monitors any imposed measures of control. This ensures that the effectiveness and any consequence of the measure are consistently reviewed and that any measures imposed are supporting young people to manage their individual behaviour.

The staff team continue to be well supported by the Registered Manager. The whole staff team have now been appraised. Young people have been part of the appraisal process, sharing their views on the individual team members. One staff member

commented, 'I love my job. The manager is always supportive. It was good to hear what the boys had to say about me in my appraisal.'

Outcomes for young people have continued to improve. This has resulted in young people engaging in the independence living programmes. This means that young people are better prepared to move on from the home in the future. This has resulted in an increased maturity in the young people in the home and greater independence in the community.

Improvements to family contact have resulted in stronger relationships between young people and their family. Family time is now spent at the home, which is helping to maintain family links and networks. Over the Christmas period the whole family visited the home and enjoyed time together celebrating.

Young people continue to excel in their educational placements. One young person has not only improved educationally but has started to develop peer friendships in school and is enjoying spending time with their peers out of school. This is a significant individual achievement, which is celebrated by the staff team.

A well-established and committed Registered Manager and staff team continue to care for the young people and share high aspirations for them. In meeting the requirements raised at the last inspection, the Registered Manager has demonstrated good progress and an on-going commitment to improving the quality of care provided for the young people. No further requirements or recommendations were raised at this inspection.

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*.