

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

This is a privately-run home which provides care and accommodation for up to four young people aged 13 to 17 years old. This home caters for young people who have emotional and behavioural 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**.

This home was judged as providing adequate care at the last inspection. Since this time it had made good progress in the service that it provides. The manager is now registered with Ofsted and continues to ensure that young people achieve good outcomes in all aspects of their care and that staff are guided and supported to do this. Significant improvements have been made to young people's behaviour management plans. They are much clearer and focused in helping staff to promote positive behaviour and have reduced instances of negative behaviours. No restraints or significant incidents have occurred which is an indicator of its effectiveness. There has also been a reduction in incidences of young people going missing or absconding. Staff work in partnership with important people in each young person's lives and staff have helped young people to understand the dangers that may occur when they are outside of their home. Young people are committed to achieving to the best of their ability. Those who do not have a school placement will ask staff to provide them with course work. Young people complete this work on a daily basis at their own pace. The work that they are given becomes more challenging as time progresses, so that when they return to mainstream education they are up-to-date

with the school curriculum. Young people planning for transition are engaged in apprenticeships or undertake voluntary work that will help them learn new skills and gain an insight into their chosen field. Young people have a positive impact on their local community. They are involved in altruistic activities that help them to understand empathy towards others as well as developing their social skills. Young people have good relationships with staff. They have daily discussions about a range of topics which promotes their physical, social and emotional health as well as boosts their self-esteem. Young people feel valued, they say that staff, 'are kind'. 'They listen to our concerns and take action.' Young people are prepared for life as confident and independent adults. They can competently prepare a range of meals that are varied and healthy. Their good health is also promoted through regular health care checks and their involvement in regular physical activities at the local gym. Staff have full and satisfactory information available about them to ensure that they are safe to work with vulnerable young people. They have qualifications and skills that enable them to competently care for young people which promotes their health, welfare and safety. Regular monitoring of the home now takes place and identifies key strengths and any shortfalls. Any shortfalls are promptly acted upon to ensure that the home is operating in accordance with its Statement of Purpose.

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*.