

Inspection report for children's home

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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 (March 2011)*.

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.

Service information

Brief description of the service

The service is run by an established private provider. The home is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to four young people with attachment disorders.

Progress

Since their previous inspection the service is judged to be making **good** progress.

At the home's last inspection in September 2011, the overall quality rating for the service was judged as outstanding with one recommendation set within the inspection report. This children's home demonstrates continued improvement in the quality of care provided with a clear and focused commitment to service development. A particular strength of the home is the strong management structure and the commitment of the staff team who are clearly very passionate about promoting good outcomes for young people.

At the last inspection a recommendation was set in relation to ensuring children pursue individual interests and hobbies. Specifically, in relation to evidencing that a wide range of activities are offered to young people. Activity charts are now in place, which show what is offered and what the young people actually do. There is a good range of fun, educational and physical activities on offer and one young person said, 'We do loads and I go out most days. The manager is looking at getting me into a local football team.' As a result young people are enjoying their free time, keeping fit and are able to pursue hobbies and interests.

Young people continue to receive well planned care provided by a committed and competent staff team. Staff provide clear boundaries within a caring environment. Young people have a positive view of the care that they receive and say that their relationships with staff are good. Young people confirm that they feel safe and that they feel that they would be able to talk to staff if they were worried or anxious.

The exceptional work done at this home with young people has allowed some young people to move back into their community via a fostering placement.

Young people who show signs of anxiety continue to benefit from a staff team dedicated to meeting their needs. This includes working with other professionals to ensure the best outcomes for young people.

There are extremely high levels of one-to-one work with all of the young people to support them, seek their views and feedback, as well as frequent children's meetings and key worker sessions. The young people are positive about the ability of staff to act on their views and wishes. Young people feel safe, secure and cared for in this

home.

The relationship between staff, managers and young people is warm, caring and respectful. Staff are genuinely enthusiastic about their care of young people and there is a commitment to providing a high quality service. This is embedded throughout the home creating a very safe and reassuring environment whereby young people develop and achieve positive outcomes.

The home can demonstrate continuing development through ensuring that their new paperwork has been adapted to meet the new national minimum standards and the children's homes regulations. The home has robust monitoring systems in place which involve consultation with young people and other professionals.