

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

This children's home is privately owned. It is a family business with a majority of family members employed within it. The home is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to four children and young people.

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 full inspection of this service was conducted in October 2011. The overall effectiveness was judged as good. No requirements were raised.

Ofsted recommended that all staff have appropriate qualifications. The home has taken this recommendation on board. More staff are now working towards attaining the Children and Young People's Workforce Diploma at level 3.

Ofsted also recommended that suitable arrangements are made for the professional supervision of the Registered Manager. The home has taken this recommendation on board, too. A person, who seems suitable, has been identified to provide professional supervision to the manager and possibly, carry out monthly monitoring visits to the home in line with Regulation 33. This person is undergoing the home's robust recruitment procedure.

The home is committed to improving the service. The implementation of a clear development plan shows that this service has a good capacity to improve. The outside of the building has been repainted. The loft has been insulated. New

equipment for the kitchen has been purchased. The tiles in the kitchen and the bathroom have been re-grouted. Staff have purchased new items for the young people's bedrooms, in consultation with them. Young people now live in a much nicer environment.

The home has demonstrated continued improvement in quality of care and outcomes for young people. Through working very closely with other services and partner-agencies, the management is driving better outcomes for young people, effectively. Young people benefit from receiving specialist professional input and having wider community support. Young people are achieving increased safety and stability of the relationships. They continue to make progress in their education. The home has introduced regular visits by a nail-technician to encourage young people's positive presentation and to facilitate the interest they have in beauty as a profession.

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)*.