

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

This is a privately-owned children's home which provides residential care for up to four young people with learning difficulties who may also have a physical disability. It is one of two operated by the registered person, situated opposite each other. Some children still in full-time education stay beyond the age of 18, when they move into adult placements.

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 **satisfactory progress**.

This home was judged as good at the last inspection in January 2014. Since that time the manager has addressed the one recommendation that was raised. The home has continued to make sufficient progress, which has led to positive outcomes for young people.

The Registered Manager has improved recording of regular supervision sessions. This is because all records now include the signature of the supervisor and the member of staff, at the end of the supervision. This ensures that the Registered Manager is able to fully evidence the support given to staff in the home.

Young people make good progress in this home with regards to their welfare and social skills. For some young people there has been a significant reduction in challenging behaviour. This is because staff have adapted behaviour management strategies to meet young people's individual needs. For example, requests are

communicated through given options for young people. As a result, young people are given a choice of how they will respond to requests, and incidents are less frequent. All young people are accessing activities within the community, such as cadets, friendship clubs and drama clubs. In addition, all young people are attending their education facilities.

Relationships between young people and staff are positive and it is clear that young people enjoy living at the home. Staff are attentive to their needs, because they have an in depth knowledge of each young person and spend quality time with young people. Young people are safe and cared for in this home. There is a commitment from the manager and staff within the home to improve outcomes and raise the standard of care within the home for young people.

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*.