

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

The home caters for up to three young people who have emotional and behavioural difficulties. The home is privately owned.

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 home has made good progress since the last full inspection in 21/10/2013, when the judgement for overall effectiveness was good, and also all outcomes for each section of the report were judged as good. The home received no recommendations and no requirements at the last inspection. This has continued to be the case for this inspection and the home received an overall judgement of 'good progress'.

Young people enjoy supportive and caring relationships with the staff. Young people are able to benefit greatly from making relationships and building trust with staff in order to be able to voice their opinions about what they want to happen to them. One social worker said 'the home is very good at promoting the child's needs and advocating on their behalf, but also encourage the child to speak/express views such as our young person, there is a positive move forward'.

The young people attend the school at the home with a view to moving on to other educational placements, staff support attendance and behaviour during the school day. Young people are supported in finding alternative placements such as vocational courses at college.

Young people enjoy activities which they have chosen. During half term the young people have been to the cinema, laser quest and Harry Potter World. Young people are enabled to move towards independence both through small steps and larger achievements.

Young people have their health needs met and promoted by the staff. Young people are supported in receiving their medication and being given knowledge of why treatments/ prescribed medication were being given.

Young people at the home have very different and specific needs; staff have created comprehensive plans and risk assessments, which have been shared with the young people. The home ensures that young people can take part and attend the review meetings of their plans. The manager and staff are very active in ensuring that local authorities provide the correct documentation and visit the young people they have placed.

The home remains staffed with a long term staff team, which has created a solid supportive team. Staff are offered training that includes mandatory training, and also in specific areas and qualifications.

The home has a very experienced, supportive manager. Staff receive supervision and appraisals to ensure the young people continue to receive a good standard of practice and support. The manager ensures the home is always reviewing its practice and monitoring records which go towards the new development plan in order to continue the improvement for the home and enhance the experience for the 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*.