

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

The home provides respite care for up to five young people with learning or physical disabilities. The home is operated by a local authority and is fully equipped to deal with the needs of the 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.

At the last inspection, which was carried out in July 2011, the home was judged as outstanding. On that occasion no requirements or recommendations were made. The home has made good progress since the last inspection.

Young people benefit from having a long-term, experienced manager and knowledgeable, supportive staff team who encourage each young person while on respite to enjoy their time and learn from new experiences. The staff team has worked hard to support any of the young people who have specific needs at certain times within their lives.

Young people are kept safe by regular fire drill practices and the home is maintained to an excellent standard. Young people are provided with a wide range of activities and 'state of the art' equipment at the home to encourage their skills and learning.

Young people have been supported in their continued progress. Young people are enabled to make small steps towards independence and continue to reach their full

potential.

The manager continues to guide and support the staff team, which is reflected down through the senior team. Over the course of the last six months, when issues arose, the team has been able to access mediation and team-building experiences.

No recommendations or requirements were made at this inspection.

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)*.