

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

The home provides care and accommodation for up to five young people of either sex from 11 to 17 years of age. The home is registered with Ofsted to provide services to young people with emotional and/or behavioural difficulties. Young people receive care on a medium to long-term basis. The home's primary purpose is to support young people to return home, wherever possible.

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 purpose of this interim inspection was to assess the progress made since the last full inspection conducted in December 2013 when the home was judged to be outstanding. A requirement was raised at that visit which has been addressed.

The Registered Manager has liaised with the local councillors who undertake the Regulation 33 visits. A proforma has been produced to prompt the visitors to ensure parents are spoken to as part of the visit. The home has prepared parents for this contact. This provides them with an opportunity to give their views on the operation of the home and to keep them updated on their child's progress.

Although there has been a significant change in the group of young people living at the home it continues to provide a stable environment where young people flourish.

Young people are safeguarded by the staff's vigilance in giving them strategies to keep themselves safe. The incidence of young people going missing and partaking in

risk taking behaviours have significantly reduced.

Young people enjoy warm and nurturing relationships with the staff team; they consider that they are well looked after and are safe.

The Registered Manager is addressing the changes in the Regulations; for example, he has drawn up risk assessments regarding the location of the home.

There were no requirements or recommendations raised 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*.