

Inspection report for children's home

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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)*.

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.

Service information

Brief description of the service

This home is part of a local authority children's disability service offering care for children and young people aged between five and 17 years with learning disabilities and/or physical disabilities.

The property is purpose built, all on one level and provides accommodation for eight children receiving respite services. Longer-term care can be offered to three young people within an attached bungalow, which is self-contained.

Progress

Since their previous inspection the service is judged to be making **good** progress.

This home was judged to be outstanding at the inspection held in September 2011. One recommendation was made which has been fully met.

Children and young people are protected by having robust procedures in place advising staff what action they should take in the event they get lost whilst on an outing.

Children and young people are cared for by a staff team who have a good awareness of behavioural issues and steps are taken to ensure their safety without compromising their liberty. For those particularly challenging young people there is a dedicated staff team who work with these individuals to ensure consistency of approach. This promotes young people's well-being.

This home continues to provide an invaluable service for children, young people and their families in the area. There are imminent plans to extend the provision to enable children and young people with more complex needs to access the service.

Young people enjoy attending the home, they are looked after by a caring staff team who ensure that they have fun.

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