

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

This home provides long-term residential care for up to six young people who have emotional and behavioural difficulties. The home is owned and operated by the local Children's Services Department.

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 full inspection in April 2013 the overall quality rating for the service was judged as good with one requirement made. The service has fully addressed this requirement.

The service has ensured that all young people have placement or pathway plans produced by the placing authority which identify how they will be assisted when eventually leaving the home. These are now all signed by the placing authority and the service. The service has made considerable efforts to ensure that all future plans are signed and systems are now in place for this to happen before or as soon as possible after young people are placed at the home. Staff are very knowledgeable about the plans for young people and ensure that their plans are followed to promote good outcomes. This ensures that young people's care continues to be effective and comprehensive.

Young people continue to make progress, especially in their education. Young people's attendance is good and they have made considerable achievements given their starting points at the time of placement. Young people are working towards

independence and making positive moves back to their families. This gives young people the chance to reach their potential and ensures that their families play a significant role in their lives.

Bullying is taken seriously by the home and staff have made supportive and challenging efforts to eradicate and resolve issues in relationships between young people. This promotes the safety of all young people living in the home.

Management oversight of the home continues to be successful and monitoring of records ensures that they are clear and robust. This supports staff in providing excellent care for young people. No requirements or recommendations have been raised as a result of 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*.