

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

This is a local authority children's home, which provides care and accommodation for up to five young people from 11 to 15 years with emotional and behavioural difficulties.

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**.

This home was judged as good at the previous full inspection in November 2012. Following this interim inspection, this home is judged to be making good progress and has successfully addressed the shortfalls outlined in the previous four recommendations. No breaches of regulations or shortfalls in meeting the national minimum standards are identified as a result of this inspection.

Good collaborative pathway planning is in place. Young people identify individual targets and recognise their achievements. This effectively builds and promotes young people's increasing maturity, self-esteem and confidence in their abilities.

Young people feel valued in their home where they develop and achieve in areas of educational and emotional well-being. Young people have secured college places and have increased engagement in their varied educational placements. Consequently young people take pride in their academic achievements and develop further skills for their future. A young person said, 'I am doing really well at school and I want to do well here, I also love cooking.'

Senior managers monitor the quality of care provided. Young people clearly contribute to this process and regulation 33 reports contain their views and opinions of the service they receive.

Young people's ability to form sustainable attachments is improving by being cared for by a committed, stable staff team who are appropriately trained to meet their needs. A member of staff stated, 'One of the major strengths of the team are the bonds staff have with young people.'

Young people live within the safe, caring and nurturing environment provided by the experienced and committed manager and staff team. Young people's risk taking behaviours are lessening with good use being made of partnership working with the youth justice team. Young people speak enthusiastically about a project they are undertaking around issues of bullying and respecting others. They are proud to point out the display they are constructing that demonstrates their involvement in the project.

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*.