

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

The home is owned and managed by a local authority. It is registered to provide care and accommodation for no more than four young people who have complex behavioural and emotional needs.

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**.

Resulting from the previous full inspection in April 2013 the overall quality rating for the service was judged as outstanding and no requirements or recommendations for improvement were raised.

Young people's confidence develops and outcomes continue to improve in response to being supported in a consistent manner by committed staff. Young people are fully engaged in their care planning and in the running of the home, which helps them to feel part of the home and raise their self-esteem. Weekly house meetings and informal meal time discussions continue to be opportunities for young people to discuss a range of issues in a positive manner, which promotes the development of social and communication skills.

Young people continue to receive well-planned care provided by a competent staff team. Staff provide clear boundaries within a caring environment. Young people have a positive view of the care that they receive and say that their relationships with staff are good. Young people confirm that they 'feel safe' and that they feel that they would be able to talk to staff if they were worried or anxious. The culture and

practice within the home promotes individual identity, difference and equality. As a result, young people receive high quality care and support based on their identified individual needs.

Young people's educational achievement and school attendance is exceptional when taking into account their attainment level at the commencement of their placement. They appreciate the support and guidance given by staff, who are proud of them and care about their futures.

Young people are supported to learn how to keep themselves safe and learn about the risks and potential risks their behaviours and actions may lead to. Staff spend a great deal of time talking through any identified concerns to develop young people's own understanding of safety issues and the reasons adults are concerned. As a result young people's risk-taking behaviours reduce and they feel cared for and protected.

The home continues to be exceptionally well-presented and maintained. It provides a very comfortable, homely and child-friendly environment. There is a very high level of personalisation throughout the house. Young people are involved in things like choosing the décor and soft furnishings. The kitchen/diner walls are covered with positive images of them and of past residents that reinforce positive views of diversity and difference.

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*.