

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. The service provides care and accommodation for 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**.

At the previous full inspection in June 2012, the overall quality rating for the service was judged as outstanding with no requirements or recommendations for improvement.

In the interim period, this children's home demonstrates continued improvement in the quality of care provided with a clear and focused commitment to service development. A particular strength of the home is the strong management structure and the commitment of the staff team who are clearly very passionate about promoting the best possible outcomes for young people. This is demonstrated through an enthusiasm for continued training in new approaches to providing care and support.

Young people are actively encouraged to make positive choices and to use every opportunity to develop and reach their individual potential. Placement plans recognise young people's individuality and encourage the celebration of difference. Young people are given every opportunity to make decisions about the running of

the home and their future.

Young people excel within education, in relation to their starting point on moving into the home. Staff consistently have realistic aspirations for the young people and support their educational placements with robust communication between home and school staff.

Young people rarely go missing from the home because they feel safe and cared for. For example, there have not been any incidents subsequent to the previous inspection. Young people live in a very safe and very well-maintained environment that supports their developmental needs. The investment in the home in terms of décor, furnishings and equipment is exceptional; this sends a clear message to young people that they are valued.

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*.