

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

This children's home is registered to provide care and accommodation for five young people with emotional and/or behavioural difficulties. The home is privately owned.

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**.

The home was judged as good at the last full inspection which took place in November 2012. There were two statutory requirements and one recommendation made as a result of the last inspection. All have been met.

Since the last inspection, the Registered Manager has ensured that all young people's statutory looked after review minutes are held on their individual files in the home. The Registered Manager has also introduced a document, which is completed and signed by all parties at the time of the review which clearly states the recommendations from each statutory review. As a result, young people and the staff team are aware of the recommendations raised at the review. This ensures there is no delay in the action taken on recommendations raised at a review.

Since the last inspection, the Registered Manager has developed the home's monitoring systems. This has ensured he has a stronger overview of the home and is able to identify and triggers or trends in behaviours of young people and put in place effective support.

The Registered Manager has ensured that the whole staff team receive regular

supervision and has made improvements to the recording of supervisions. This means that individual staff members receive effective support. One staff member commented 'I can go to the managers at any time and I get lots of support through supervisions.'

Young people continue to be extremely positive about the quality of care at the home. One young person commented, 'I would score it 9 out of 10, I feel safe here and I know that the staff really care for me.' Young people have made good progress in developing and sustaining appropriate relationships with their peers in the community, enjoying agreed overnight stays at their friends' houses. As a result, they are developing and sustaining community links, which increases their confidence, self-esteem and broadens their horizons.

The accommodation continues to provide a pleasant, warm and comfortable home that young people enjoy living in, one young person commented 'ever since I moved in I have felt like this is my home. The best thing about being here is feeling like someone cares about me.' Recent renovations in the lounge area, including re-decoration and new sofas have improved the décor of the home.

The manager has, through meeting the requirements and recommendation raised at the last inspection, demonstrated good progress and an on-going commitment to improving the quality of care provided for the young people. Young people continue to thrive in the placement are engaged in education and maintaining good levels of attendance in their individual educational placements.

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*.