

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**.

At the previous full inspection in December 2013 the overall effectiveness of the service was judged as good. Three recommendations for improvement were set. This inspection looked at the progress made and at any other concerns raised since the last inspection. Good progress has been made since the last inspection.

The Registered Manager has ensured that all young people have an identified educational placement, which they are supported to attend regularly. For some young people returning to education is a significant achievement. One young person is now regularly attending education after three years of non-attendance.

Young people live in a home where their individual identity is promoted and celebrated. Internal placement plans address a young person's religious, cultural and family background. Young people now have the opportunity to explore sexual identity with their key workers. The Registered Manager also ensures support agencies, such as specialist nurses are available to young people to explore individual issues. Young people can also access external support agencies through information available in the home.

Since the last inspection, the Registered Manager has ensured that HMCI is informed about all notifiable events without delay.

The Registered Manager now has a full management team; staff report this is improving consistency across the home in supporting staff and young people. The Registered Manager has made progress in focusing on positive rewards and incentives. This has resulted in a significant reduction of imposed sanctions. This means that staff are consistently celebrating the achievements of the young people.

Since the last inspection there have been a number of admissions to the home. The Registered Manager has managed this process well and the young people report there is no bullying in the home. Young people report that they are well looked after and feel safe in the home. One young person commented 'I'd say its 10 out of 10 here. The staff are OK, they listen to me and care about me.'

In meeting the recommendations raised at the last inspection, the Registered Manager has demonstrated good progress and an on-going commitment to improving the quality of care provided for the young people. No further requirements or recommendations were raised at 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*.