

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

This privately run home is registered to accommodate three children or young people of either gender. It is registered to provide care for young people who may have behavioural or emotional difficulties. Lengths of stay may be short, medium or long term.

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 interim inspection has focused on the progress made by the home since the inspection in November 2012. An overall judgement of adequate was given four requirements and three recommendations were raised. These have all been addressed.

Care plans have been revised to ensure that they clearly identify how young people's assessed needs are being addressed. Risk assessments have been reviewed and clearly demonstrate how the home promotes the safety and welfare of young people in their care. Staff and young people have all completed fire safety training. Following this training young people are now participating in fire drills. Notifications are being appropriately referred to Ofsted and chronological records are maintained of these events.

Recommendations raised have been addressed. The manager has reviewed and revised the content to his Regulation 34 reports to ensure that they are evaluative documents which assess the strengths and weaknesses of the service. The

effectiveness of the managers own monthly monitoring processes have been strengthened by the inclusion of additional detail in the completion of the report that highlights trends or patterns which may be developing. The home has developed its own pathway plan that links into the placing authority plan. The plan aims to ensure that all parties are fulfilling their responsibility to support young people in times of transition. All of the actions ensure young people's health and welfare continues to be promoted in a manner which supports them to achieve positive outcomes in all areas of their life.

Young people continue to receive individualised care and support enabling them to make progress. Positive and open relationships between staff and young people enable young people to become more confident and emotionally resilient. Staff are proactive in supporting young people's education. They liaise closely with education staff to ensure young people receive the support they require to help them achieve their educational potential. Staff promote young people's independence skills preparing them for a move to a future placement and the transition to adulthood.

The home is operating according to the conditions set and all young people are appropriately placed. The Registered Manager provides effective leadership to ensure the home is organised and appropriately staffed to deliver good quality care to young people. The home continues to show a capacity for improvement.

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*.