

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

A private organisation owns and operates this children's home. The setting supports and cares for one young person who has complex emotional and behavioural difficulties. The unit specialises in the care of more vulnerable individuals who may be at risk or pose a specific risk to others and/or themselves.

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 **satisfactory progress**.

The overall effectiveness of this service was judged as good at the last full inspection. At that inspection, two requirement and two recommendations for improvement were made.

Both of the requirements and one of the recommendations have been met. There has been improvement in the remaining recommendation relating to staff supervision since the last inspection but supervision sessions are not consistently taken place as stated in the home's policies. At this inspection three staff supervision files were inspected and only one staff had received supervision at the required frequency.

Young people's files do contain the majority of the required information. The home has repeatedly requested, and was able to supply robust evidence to this effect, from the social worker up-to-date looked after children's documentation and a current personal education plan. The social worker has failed to supply these. In their absence the home has compiled their own records to ensure that the young person's

individual needs, including education are met. The home has worked closely with the educational welfare officer in this area.

The home's fire records are comprehensive and now provide evidence of the relevant fire safety checks being carried out. This now includes a process for carrying out fire safety checks after a period of closure.

The home's records of refrigerator temperatures provide robust evidence that this is operating within the temperature ranges stated by the Environmental Health Office. This ensures young people are not placed at risk.

Areas for improvement

Recommendations

To improve the quality and standards of care further the service should take account of the following recommendation(s):

- ensure staff receive regular supervision in line with the organisation's policy. (NMS 19.4)

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*.