

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

This children's home is owned by a local authority and provides accommodation for up to eight young people between 12 to 16 years with emotional and behavioural difficulties.

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 home was judged to be good at the last inspection held in November 2011. The requirements and recommendation have been met.

All young people's health and care plans have been reviewed to ensure they contain all relevant information and reflect their current circumstances. This ensures that their needs can be addressed and are monitored, promoting their well-being. There are systems in place to ensure Ofsted are notified about significant events.

The majority of the young people are benefitting from living in a well-settled home and are doing well, attending their education and engaging with what the home has to offer. However, for some young people the outcomes are not so positive but the local authority is addressing this.

Young people benefit from being cared for by an experienced and well-established staff team who are clearly committed to providing a good level of care to the young people. Young people further benefit from having staff who reflect their religion, culture and ethnicity and also that of the city in which they live. This promotes

tolerance and understanding.

Young people are supported to manage their behaviours by having clear strategies in place to help minimise disruptive behaviours.

A number of young people are on a semi-independent living package to help them learn skills to enable them to make a successful transition to adulthood.

Young people confirm that they enjoy living at the home; staff are readily available to talk to them and they feel safe in the home.

There are robust monitoring systems in place that highlight any shortfalls which are promptly addressed by the registered manager.

There were no requirements or recommendations made 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 (March 2011)*.