

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

This privately owned home offers services for up to four children and young people, with emotional and/or 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**.

At the last full inspection visit in November 2013 the overall quality rating for the service was judged as good. There were no requirements or recommendations made at that visit. Progress since the last inspection is good. Leaders and managers are on target with progressing the home's development plan. The increased levels of staff at the home have benefited young people's continuity of care. The home continues to prioritise staff professional training, such as, safeguarding training. As a result, training helps to foster a focus on young people's outcomes and promotes their welfare.

All young people are progressing well with their education. One young person commented, 'In my English exam I got a grade C which I am really pleased with.' Young people value their educational experience. Their attendance is excellent. They are well motivated to achieve in their studies, for example, completing home work and school projects.

Young people's behaviour is good. Young people show consideration and respect for their peers and staff alike. Young people try to live up to the staffs high expectations. Young people know where the boundaries are. For many young people their

challenging behaviour is no longer considered significant. One social worker commented, 'Staff really take the time to listen to her and act on her views. It's a real strength in the home.'

Young people enjoy a varied and active life style. Young people say they get to do interesting activities, such as sports, art and clubs. One young person commented, 'I am doing martial arts which I really enjoy because I get to meet different people.' Through encouraging these activities, young people's confidence and social skills is improved.

Young people's engagement and participation is good. Young people are confident about asserting their rights. Young people help to create change with discussions about activities, influencing the décor in the home and setting ground rules. As a result, young people are empowered to feel involved.

The home's quality assurance programme is good. An independent visitor visits the home once a month. They spend time with young people and staff and exam a range of records. Any shortfalls that are identified are quickly addressed. The home is making further improvement to its internal monitoring. The aim is to improve the analysis of the quality of care. This is to help shape staff practice for the future.

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*.