

Inspection report for children's home

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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)*.

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.

Service information

Brief description of the service

This home is registered to provide residential care and support for up to five young people, aged between 11 and 17 years, with emotional or behavioural difficulties. The home is owned and operated by a private organisation and was registered in 2005.

Progress

Since their previous inspection the service is judged to be making **good** progress.

At the last inspection, in August 2011, the home's overall effectiveness was judged to be good. The children's home has demonstrated continued improvement in the quality of care and outcomes for young people. The service was asked to ensure that the premises are of good structural repair, reasonably decorated and maintained; the home is suitably furnished and the registered provider notifies significant events to relevant authorities. The home was also asked to purchase the games consoles for young people and staff to record all research done to meet young people's identified goals. The service has acted upon these issues raised at the previous inspection to improve the service provided to young people. No new actions or recommendations are made as a result of this interim inspection.

Young people's holistic care needs are assessed well and they receive individualised care. The key worker system enables young people to focus on their goals.

There are good arrangements for promoting the healthy lives of young people. They are encouraged to eat healthy, home cooked meals. Young people are registered with doctors and dentists. Staff accompany young people to medical appointments. Staff are provided with medication administration and first aid training. They administer medication to young people and maintain records of all medication administered.

Staff are committed to encouraging and supporting young people to attend education. Young people have personal education plans. Staff support young people with their homework. Young people have a wide range of activities available for them to choose from. Staff have purchased the games consoles and rolling skating for young people to enjoy.

Staff encourage and support young people to develop various independent living skills. Young people who are on a semi-independence programme have the opportunity to make meals with staff at the home. Staff are supporting young people to move into semi-independent living.

A complaints policy and procedure are made accessible as they are displayed in the

home. Complaints are recorded appropriately and managed according to the home's procedures.

Staff encourage and promote positive behaviour. They develop individual behaviour management programmes for the young people. Staff are provided with guidance and specific training about the value of using positive intervention.