

## 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

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| <b>Good progress</b>         | 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. |
| <b>Satisfactory progress</b> | 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.                                  |
| <b>Inadequate progress</b>   | 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 children's home provides care and accommodation for up to four young people with emotional and behavioural difficulties, aged between eight and 17 years and is owned by a registered charity.

### Progress

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

At the last full inspection in November 2011, the overall quality rating for the service was judged as good, with one requirement and two recommendations made. Good progress has been made since the last inspection and the requirement and recommendations have been met.

A requirement was made to ensure that there was a copy of the care plan prepared by the placing authority for each child containing all matters set out in Schedule 3. The registered person has made considerable effort to obtain care plans and all young people have care plans from their placing authority. The staff at the home have also made considerable representations to placing authorities about the lack of a social worker for young people in order to progress the plan, especially in regards to contact with family. There has been success in this regard and all young people have a social worker. This ability to advocate and forward plans regarding their care supports young people to achieve positive outcomes.

It was recommended at the last inspection that the registered person ensure the home has appropriately signed consent for medical treatment for each young person. There has been extensive effort made to ensure that each young person has signed medical consent to ensure that young people are able to receive appropriate medical attention and remain physically and mentally healthy.

At the last inspection improvements were recommended to the system of monitoring the quality and adequacy of record keeping and ensuring that action is taken when necessary. The registered person has added further monitoring and auditing systems, especially in regard to the information held by the home on each young person to ensure that record keeping is relevant and of good quality. The present system for recording is robust and staff are diligent at keeping good quality records that reflect young people's experiences within the home.

Effective monitoring systems and careful planning improve outcomes for young people. The home has demonstrated continued improvement in the outcomes it provides for young people.