

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

This children's home provides care and accommodation for up to four children and young people with emotional and behavioural difficulties, aged between seven and 17 years and is owned by a registered charity.

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 inspection focused on the progress made by the home since the last full inspection in January 2014. The overall judgement at the last inspection was good with two requirements and two recommendation raised at that inspection.

Action has been taken to address the shortfalls at the last inspection. Medication administration and recording systems are now well maintained and medication training was provided for staff. Regulation 30 notifications of serious incidents are sent to Ofsted within expected timescales. Staff recruitment checks are all completed and the manager verifies all references by phone. These changes all help to keep young people safe. A new system added to the monthly monitoring documentation identifies the member of staff responsible to follow up on and update records within the home. However, the system used to request missing looked after children documentation that young people are entitled to is ineffective. For example, despite repeated requests for a pathway plan over the last 18 months, a young person entitled to this does not have one. This young person does not know what is planned for the future. The means staff are unable to implement transition planning and the young person is unable to prepare for and look forward to moving on, as he is

anxious about the future.

Young people attend education and care continues to focus on the developing individuality of young people. Young people are happy with the care provided, one saying 'I know staff care and want the best for me, there are times when it is difficult to talk but staff will listen.' Another saying there is nothing she would change about the home.

Areas for improvement

Statutory Requirements

This section sets out the actions which must be taken so that the registered person/s meets the Care Standards Act 2000, Children's Homes Regulations 2001 and the National Minimum Standards. The registered person(s) must comply with the given timescales.

Reg.	Requirement	Due date
11 (2001)	ensure the children's home is conducted so as to make proper provision for the care, education, supervision, support and, where appropriate, treatment of children accommodated. This specifically relates to ensuring there is an effective system in place to obtain Looked After Children documentation and pathway plans for young people entitled to these. (Regulation 11 (1) (b))	01/05/2014

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*.