

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

The home provides care and accommodation for up to 5 children or young people, from the ages of 10 to 17 years old, with emotional or behavioural difficulties.

The home is owned by a private organisation.

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 inspection on 6 December 2012 the service was judged as good overall. At that time, the Registered Manager was asked to take account of two recommendations made to further improve the quality of care in the home.

Since then, the service has made good progress and demonstrated continued improvement. Records of prescribed medication have been developed and now include an account of potential contraindications to ensure young people's health and well-being is suitably managed in the home. Likewise, records of sanctions and complaints have also improved. Young people are now encouraged to record their views on action taken within the home. As a result, young people have the opportunity to express their views in records that are held about them. This is helpful to young people should they wish to view their files now or in the future.

Young people's safety is consistently maintained within the home. Robust strategies are now in place and serve to assist young people in reducing offending and risk taking behaviours. The success of the methods used can be measured by the

positive feedback received from placing authorities, who have congratulated the home on their diligent work with young people.

Young people have excellent school attendance, resulting in consistent achievements across the curriculum. Education is viewed as highly important within the home and careful consideration is given to the level of support each young person requires. As a result, young people who may have found education difficult in the past now thrive educationally and have begun to realise their future potential.

Consultation has been further developed within the home. Social workers, reviewing officers and parents are regularly invited to share their views and opinions on the care young people receive, including areas for development. As a result, there is a more cohesive approach to the overall care arrangements for young people living in the home.

Young people benefit from a staff team who have attained the minimum level three qualification. Focussed working groups and consistent staff supervision serve to further enhance the already good quality of care staff provide in the home.

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*.