

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 is a privately owned children's home registered to provide care and education for up to two children between 10 and 17 years old.

Progress

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

At the last full inspection in May 2011, the overall effectiveness rating for the home was judged to be good.

The home has made good progress since the last inspection. Developments and improvements ensure that young people are well cared for and kept safe. There were no requirements but two recommendations were raised.

The Registered Manager and staff have worked hard to action the recommendations.

One recommendation was to ensure that the organisations behaviour management policy was implemented. Placement plans now clearly highlight strategic guidance for staff in relation to managing specific behaviours. This ensures that measures for promoting positive behaviours are understood by staff at all times.

A further recommendation was raised for the organisation to ensure that all existing staff attain a level 3 qualification. Staff confirm that they are currently working towards this qualification.

In addition to the above, the motivated Registered Manager has effectively implemented and embedded the National Minimum Standards within the home's practice. Staff report that they 'consider the outcomes for young people in relation to everything that has happened to them.' Young people say that they continue to enjoy opportunities to express their views and wishes. They believe that they make a positive contribution to the decisions that directly affect them. This ensures young people receive good quality care while promoting their sense of achievement and well-being.