

## Inspection report for children's home

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## Service information

### Brief description of the service

This home is a ten-bedded residential short break service managed by a local authority for children with sensory impairment and learning and physical disabilities.

### 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.                            |

## Progress

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

This home was judged as good at the last full inspection in November 2012. Since that time the home has demonstrated continued improvement in the quality of care and the outcomes for young people. The home has addressed and met the two requirements and three recommendation made at the previous inspection. As a result the management of the home and welfare of young people has improved.

The manager has devised a flowchart of the procedure to follow if a young person becomes absent or missing. This is displayed in a prominent position and staff are aware of what to do should an incident occur. A copy of the chart has been forwarded to the police to ensure there is a consistent approach. This means young people are protected as far as possible.

Staff now complete regular file audits to ensure records are maintained with the most recent information. In addition, the supervision paperwork for staff has been amended to ensure file audits are a regular agenda item for discussion in supervision. As a result, young people's files are kept up to date and records reflect the care they receive.

The young person's guide has been updated to include the correct telephone number for Ofsted. This now provides full and accurate information for young people. The manager has a supervision log book that identifies the supervision requirements for each member of staff. The log book details the dates and length of each supervision and if it did not take place it identifies the reason why. This ensures the manager is able to monitor the regularity of supervision and highlight any shortfalls. As a result staff are receiving regular supervision in line with their supervision agreement. The manager has completed the outcome of a previous notification and forwarded to Ofsted as required.

Young people continue to enjoy very good care that is tailored to meet their individual needs. One young person is currently being cared for following an operation. Their stay has been extended beyond their usual care episode in order to receive the additional care and support required before returning home. The manager has ensured there is sufficient staffing in place to meet the additional needs of this young person and to ensure there is minimal impact on other young people and their parents. The young person's bedroom has been personalised to make it more homely.

Young people enjoy very good outcomes in all areas. The home has purchased new equipment and games for use indoors and outside of the home. They have also received contributions from companies and community groups including specialised chairs for young people. As a result young people are able to enjoy a wide range of leisure activities.

No requirements or recommendations are made as a result of this inspection.

## 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*.