

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

This privately owned children's home is registered to provide care and accommodation for one young person who has emotional and /or behavioural difficulties.

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 carried out in January 2013 the home was judged to be making satisfactory progress. Two requirements were made relating to the need for the home to inform the relevant agencies of significant events and the need for the home's missing persons procedure to be in line with the local police protocol. Both of these have been addressed.

The home has established a procedure which ensures that all agencies, including Ofsted, are notified if there are specific incidents which have to be reported in line with regulation. Additionally, the home has established a working protocol with the local police to ensure that it follows locally agreed guidance for reporting of young people who are missing or absent without permission.

At the time of this inspection there were no young people in residence. However, this is a well-established children's home which has a registered manager and core team of staff. Continued monitoring of the fitness of the premises and has occurred regularly. This approach has ensured that the home is fit to be used for the placement of young people and has embedded procedures and protocols to guide

staff in their duties and practice.

While the home has been empty, the staff team has continued to attend training and to have team meetings in order to reflect on practice and ensure they have the skills and qualifications to care for young people.

The home has access to an educational facility run by the organisation and this can be used for young people living at the home and who are not attending another educational placement. Additionally, the home has established networks with local organisations such as a youth club, so that young people have an opportunity to take part in constructive activities based in the local community.

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*.