

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

This children's home is registered to accommodate three young people with emotional and/or behavioural difficulties. It 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 in April 2013 the home was judged to be good. One requirement and one recommendation were made and these have now been addressed.

The record of complaints now shows clearly how any complaint has been resolved and how this has been achieved. This ensures that the complainant is satisfied by the home's response to issues raised. Additionally, the home now maintains good records of contact with young people's educational settings and evidences how any areas discussed have been responded to. For example, when the home is working together with the setting to develop strategies which ensure that young people's attendance at school improves.

The home continues to offer a good standard of care to young people living there. The stable base provided and consistent well-thought through care packages enable young people to make very good progress. For example, young people with histories of disruptive behaviour prior to their admission have seen a marked decrease in incidents. This has been as a result of bespoke and carefully planned strategies which have been developed by the staff team and external professionals such as the

home's psychologist.

Since the last inspection the home has successfully promoted engagement with parents in working together to improve outcomes for the young people. This has enabled adults to be seen to be working together for the benefit of each young person. 'I feel we are working together, it has never happened before anywhere else' is a comment made by a parent. The skilled manner in which this has been achieved is promoting the progress and stability of the young people.

The monitoring carried out by the manager of the home is ensuring that outcomes for young people and practice in the home are constantly reviewed and reflected upon. This ensures that quality is maintained and that young people's well-being is central to planning and delivery of the service.

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*.