

## Inspection report for children's home

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## Service information

### Brief description of the service

A private company owns and operates this children's home. The setting accommodates a maximum of two young people who have complex emotional, behavioural and educational difficulties. If young people are not able to attend mainstream schooling they can attend the company's specialist education unit. The company's working livestock and arable farm provides opportunities for young people to learn new skills. Young people can also access the organisation's therapeutic resources.

### 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**.

At the last full inspection in August 2013, the overall quality rating for the service was judged as outstanding. There were no requirements or recommendations for improvement.

This children's home demonstrates continued improvement in the quality of care provided with a clear and focused commitment to service development. A particular strength of the home is the strong commitment of the staff team who are clearly very passionate about promoting the best possible outcomes for young people. This is demonstrated by their enthusiasm for continued training in new approaches to providing care and support and the way in which they value supervision.

Young people are actively encouraged to make positive choices and to use every opportunity to develop and reach their individual potential. Placement plans

recognise young people's individuality and encourage the celebration of difference. Young people are given every opportunity to make decisions about the running of the home and their future.

Young people's educational achievement and school attendance is exceptional, especially when taking into account their attainment levels at the start of their placements. They appreciate the support and guidance given by staff who are proud of them and care about their futures.

Young people are supported to learn about the risks and potential risks that their behaviours and actions may expose them to. They also learn how to keep themselves safe. Staff spend a great deal of time talking through any identified concerns in order to develop young people's own understanding of safety issues and the reasons adults are concerned. As a result young people's risk-taking behaviours reduce and they feel cared for and protected

Young people continue to receive well planned care provided by a committed and competent staff team. Staff provide clear boundaries within a caring environment. Young people have a positive view of the care that they receive and say that their relationships with staff are good. Young people confirm that they 'feel safe' and would feel able to talk to staff if they were worried or anxious. The culture and practice within the home promotes difference, equality and individuality. As a result, young people receive high quality care and support which is based on their individual identified needs.

## 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*.