

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

The home provides care and accommodation for up to two young people of either gender, who may have emotional 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 in May 2013, the home was judged as good with one requirement and one recommendation set within the inspection report. 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 management structure and the commitment of the staff team who are clearly very passionate about promoting good outcomes for young people.

On the last inspection a requirement was made in relation to ensuring some external areas of the home were improved, and a recommendation made concerning prompt notification of significant events. During the course of this inspection there was strong evidence to support that both have been adequately met. As a result young people can safely enjoy the rear garden, and notifications are received in appropriate timescales.

Further to this, young people's welfare is enhanced by the caring, warm and professional relationships that exist between staff and young people. Personalised plans clearly include both short term and long term goals which are developed with

the young people. Young people are involved in their plans and their comments, where possible, are an integral part of them.

Young people are supported in ways that help them make progress across several areas of their lives, particularly in education, health and behaviour. For example saving for a bike, eating healthily and regularly attending after school clubs. There have also been continuing improvements in outcomes for children and young people across these areas. Children and young people have extremely good attendance at school and are positively engaged with a vast range of educational activities provided by the home and school.

Young people continue to receive well planned care provided by a committed and competent staff team. Lead by a qualified and experienced registered manager, the staff provide clear boundaries within a caring environment. The culture and practice within the home promotes individual identity, difference and equality. 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*.