

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

This children's home is registered to provide care and accommodation for two young people of either gender with emotional and/or behavioural difficulties. The home is operated by the local authority.

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 **satisfactory progress**.

At the last inspection in May 2012, the overall quality rating for the service was judged as good. There were no requirements and one recommendation made. The home now provides a laptop for young people to support access to information electronically after school hours. This means young people's learning experiences continue.

Since the last inspection one young person has moved to independence successfully. Staff confirm the move was successful because the young person was committed to moving on and involved in the pathway planning. As a result, young people transition to independence with confidence.

The home has provided further placements to young people in line the Statement of Purpose. However, some difficulties have arisen in regards to challenging behaviour. The manager confirms the staff structure has been reviewed to ensure the best support is provided to the young people during this period. This means young people receive constant support and supervision and behaviour management is continually

assessed and reviewed.

Some young people maintain good attendance in education, however, recent changes to the dynamics of the home impact on the attitude and behaviour of young people which affects their willingness to participate in attendance. Staff continue to encourage, support and promote young people to achieve the best they can despite the challenges they face. This helps young people to maintain a consistent approach to further education and work opportunities.

The manager continues to monitor the service and regulation 33 visits take place monthly. Although the Schedule 6 monitoring takes place on a regular basis reports have not been sent to Ofsted in line with the regulation.

Areas for improvement

Statutory Requirements

This section sets out the actions which must be taken so that the registered person/s meets the Care Standards Act 2000, Children's Homes Regulations 2001 and the National Minimum Standards. The registered person(s) must comply with the given timescales.

Reg.	Requirement	Due date
34 (2001)	ensure the registered person supplies to the HMCI a report in respect of any review conducted. In particular relation to Schedule 6. (Regulation 34(2))	31/01/2013

Recommendations

To improve the quality and standards of care further the service should take account of the following recommendation(s):

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*.