

## Inspection report for children's home

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## 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 (March 2011)*.

## 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.                            |

## Service information

### Brief description of the service

This is a privately owned children's home that provides care for up to two young people, of either gender. The home provides care for young people with emotional and/or behavioural difficulties.

### Progress

Since their previous inspection the service is judged to be making **good** progress.

At the last inspection in December 2011, the overall quality rating for the service was judged as outstanding, with two recommendations made. These were in relation to monitoring of sanctions and environmental risk assessments. Good progress has been made since the last inspection with both recommendations being fully addressed.

Management and leadership of the home is good ensuring that practice remains focused on effectively safeguarding vulnerable young people. The Registered Manager has demonstrated regular and effective monitoring of all records kept by the home, to ensure the quality of care provided for young people. Since the last inspection, the Registered Manager has implemented a full environmental risk assessment for the home. It clearly identifies any potential sources of harm and the measures in place to protect young people and staff in and around the home.

Young people continue to make outstanding progress in their individual development, making significant progress in their transition plans. They are supported by the staff team to develop their understanding of daily living skills; for example, they are now competent at independently completing their own laundry.

Young people are fully involved in activity planning as a component of their formal and informal consultation with the staff team. Young people encouraged to pursue their individual interests; these include chess clubs and joining the local gym. Since the last inspection, young people have had regular opportunities to consult with the Regulation 33 visitor, ensuring that the visitors get a full view of how the home is operating.

Since the last inspection, the Registered Manager has developed fire safety procedures. Introduction of an emergency evacuation plan means staff are better equipped to protect young people in the event of an emergency. Young people now benefit from having access to complaint materials, which ensures they are able to make a complaint independently.

The Registered Manager and staff team have demonstrated a continued commitment to improving outcomes and providing a good level of care for young people.