

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

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.

Service information

Brief description of the service

This is a small private children's home caring for one young person usually aged from 12 to 17 years who may have 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 2012, the overall quality rating for the service was judged as outstanding with no requirements or recommendations set within the report. This home demonstrates continued improvement in the quality of care provided with a clear and focused commitment to improving outcomes for young people.

The Registered Manager has continued to develop practice and make improvements in the care of young people. Young people attend education regularly and the manager and staff view this as a priority. Young people have plans for their transition on from education and these are encouraged and developed by the staff. As a result, young people have aspirations for their future and work hard in their education to help achieve these outcomes. The celebration of progress and achievements in the home helps young people develop confidence in themselves and their abilities.

Staff are highly motivated and enthusiastic in their role. Young people say they feel safe and well supported by the staff and they benefit from the stability and structure provided. Young people are fully involved in the planning and management of their care. They attend team meetings every second month. At these meetings, young people and staff are able to discuss issues about their care and safety and plan activities in the home. Young people are enthusiastic in their participation, one young person using this meeting to discuss the need for a laptop.

Outcomes for young people are good and in some instances outstanding. For example, one young person has recently had a reduction in staff supervision because of the progress they have made. Young people receive a settled and structured care that is individually risk assessed and enables young people to learn and develop new skills safely. Staff are innovative in their methods to encourage young people to be healthy and as a result they are aware of the need to eat sensibly and care for themselves.

The Registered Manager has very clear plans for the development of the home. A development plan is in place, and reviewed regularly by the manager. There are clear plans for training to be developed and for links with the community to be further improved. The manager ensures regular monitoring of the policies and systems within the home.