

Inspection report for children's home

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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.

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 overall rating for the service was outstanding, no statutory requirements or recommendations were made. In the intervening period since this last inspection, the home has continued to provide an excellent quality of care. Young people continue to enjoy the benefits of significantly improving outcomes; their education attendance and attainment remain high. Safeguarding has a very high priority and young people are fully involved in their care planning arrangements.

Relationships between young people and staff are extremely good and are based upon openness and mutual respect. These relationships are the bedrock on which the young people's progress is based. The young people are very positive about the care and support they receive and they acknowledge the work done to support them and promote their safety. Young people are provided with a consistently high standard of care, structure and routine, which encourages the growth of their self-esteem and confidence. All aspects of care planning and practice are highly personalised and tailored to meet the individual needs of the young people, which helps to promote individual identity, difference and equality.

Knowledgeable staff provide personal support tailored to reflect each young person's development and to meet their changing needs. They encourage young people to take more responsibility for themselves appropriate to their age and level of understanding. As a result, young people become more self-reliant and develop appropriate independence skills, which will improve their chances of a successful transition into adulthood. Young people are encouraged to have a responsible attitude towards their health and understand the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

The home continues to be very effectively managed. The home demonstrates continued improvement in the quality of care provided with a clear and focused commitment to service development and achieving positive outcomes for young people. This includes evaluating and enhancing the level of service provided and demonstrating a strong commitment to implementing the home's development plan. The provider and manager effectively review and monitor the running of the home and take action to improve the quality of the service provided, routinely seeking the views of young people about their care. The manager has a clear and realistic understanding of the strengths of the service and the areas for further development based on clear evidence. Staff work closely with external professionals to ensure young people's individual needs and views are heard.

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*.