

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

The home provides accommodation for up to two young people of either sex, aged between 10 and 17 years, who may have emotional or behavioural difficulties. It is operated by a private provider and the detached property is set in a rural location with easy access to a large town and its extensive leisure and shopping facilities.

The company provides education through contracted services from another private provider, who operates a small specialist school approximately 20 miles away.

Progress

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

The manager and staff at the home are committed to improving practice and providing excellent outcomes for the young people in their care. The recommendation made at the full inspection that took place in October 2011 has been fully met. This means that the views of young people are now gathered and recorded following any sanction given to them. Young people are now fully involved in their behaviour management plans and this will help them to improve and take responsibility for their behaviour.

Young people continue to be very well supported at the home and expressed very high levels of satisfaction with the care that they are receiving. Young people said that they could not think of anything that the staff could do better and said that the staff deserved, '10 out of 10'. Young people also commented that they feel very safe living at the home and thought that the staff were doing a very good job keeping them safe and helping with their education, activities and visits to their families.

The home continues to implement their development plan. This means that the home has improved internet access and one young person has had their bedroom redecorated to a high standard. The home has robust safeguarding procedures that the staff are familiar with and feel confident to use. The staff team has not changed since the last inspection, therefore providing consistent care for young people. Behaviour management is effective and the use of physical interventions are minimal.

There are no new requirements or recommendations as a result of this inspection.