

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 is privately owned and provides care and accommodation for one young person of either sex.

Progress

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

This home is currently judged as outstanding; however, it has been judged as making satisfactory progress at this interim inspection. There has been some progress on the recommendations set at the last inspection. The safeguarding procedures have been ratified by the Local Safeguarding Children's Board. However, a satisfactory development plan is not yet in place and, therefore, this recommendation has been reinstated. A third recommendation, to include details of how a young person can contact their Independent Reviewing officer and the Children's Rights Director if they wish to raise a concern about their care, has been addressed.

There have been some changes to the staff team since the last full inspection, although this has not impacted on the quality of care young people receive and their placements remain stable. Despite this, young people are only making satisfactory progress in terms of their health and education. Although young people are being supported to maintain a healthy lifestyle and make healthy choices they are not always achieving this. Furthermore, young people's attendance at school has become problematic. However, the staff have imposed measures to redress this and improve outcomes for young people in these areas.

The home is still decorated and maintained to a high standard and provides a safe environment for young people. Evaluation of the quality of care is undertaken each month and copies of these reports have been forwarded to Ofsted. The home demonstrates capacity for continued improvement.

Areas for improvement

Recommendations

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

- provide a written development plan which details any planned changes in the operation or resources of the service. (NMS 15.2)