

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

The home is privately owned and is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to eight young people with learning and/or physical disabilities. Short breaks, long-term assessment and support periods of care are provided.

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 **satisfactory progress**.

The service was last inspected during September 2013 when the overall effectiveness was judged to be good. Outcomes for young people, quality of care, and safeguarding were all also judged to be good while leadership and management was judged to be adequate. There were no statutory requirements arising from the inspection, however there were three recommendations made which have all been satisfactorily addressed. Improvements have been made to ensure the home provides a comfortable and homely environment for young people and is well maintained; individual case records are being kept up to date, and a new system has been introduced to ensure that the results of all reviews are being recorded on young people's files. The manager in post, at the time of the last inspection, has since become the registered manager for the home and is providing clear and effective leadership.

The home is operating very smoothly on a day to day basis and continues to provide a good quality of care for young people with a diverse range of needs. Young people feel safe at the home; they enjoy being there and have positive relationships with a

staff group who are enthusiastic about working at the home. 'I love working here', was a response received from a member of staff appointed since the last inspection. One young person spoken to, who was shortly transitioning to a residential school placement, described being very happy at the home.

The home is being well managed with regulation 33 reports reflecting positively on how the home is operating and demonstrating clearly the commitment to the continuing improvement of the service and the quality of care provided. A comprehensive and rigorous quality auditing process is being implemented effectively by the provider, with regulation 33 visits monitoring the action being taken by the manager to address any recommendations made. The home has not received any complaints since the previous inspection and there have been no incidents of any young person being reported as missing. A small number of notifications of significant events have been forwarded to Ofsted as required and are seen to reflect the rigorous approach adopted to matters concerning the welfare of young people. 'I am absolutely happy with the care provided and have no concerns', commented a parent spoken to during the inspection, while a social worker contacted reported, 'staff know the young person and his needs extremely well'. Both were also confident that young people at the home were being safely cared for.

The home's development plan is being regularly reviewed by the manager and there have been a number of improvements made since the previous inspection. These include a significant amount of redecoration throughout the home, a new sofa being installed in the games room, new tablecloths and wall hangings in the dining room, and the home's garden area being completed to provide a safe area for young people to play. In addition, new carpets are shortly to be installed in the lounge and on the stairs and landing areas. Excellent new young people's guides are also being produced.

The home is judged to have made satisfactory progress since the last inspection with the quality of care and outcomes for young people being maintained as good. There are no statutory requirements or recommendations arising from this inspection.

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*.