

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

This privately operated children's home offers short-term respite placements for up to eight young people with learning and physical disabilities, who have complex care needs.

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**.

The service was last inspected in August 2012 when the overall effectiveness, was judged to be good. There were no statutory requirements arising from the inspection and only one recommendation. This related to arrangements for the professional supervision and appraisal of the registered manager and this has now been satisfactorily addressed. The home continues to run smoothly on a day to day basis with no complaints having been received since the previous inspection and regulation 33 reports reflecting positively on how the service is operating.

Staff thoroughly enjoy working at the home and continue to deliver high quality individualised care to young people who are clearly happy being there. Parents and placing social workers hold the service in high regard and are extremely satisfied with the care being provided. Results received so far of a recent survey of parents and social workers have been very positive and conversations during the inspection supported this view also. One young person was described as 'coming on in leaps and bounds' since being at the home, having become a lot calmer and more mature. Families are able to visit their children at any time while at the home and described being made to feel very welcome.

The home has demonstrated continuing improvement in the quality of care being provided and in outcomes for young people. Since the previous inspection the home's on-going development plan has seen improvements in the care planning process for young people with new formats being introduced for behaviour management plans and risk assessments. In addition the home's manager has been liaising with commissioning bodies from local authorities with the aim of becoming a preferred provider. The home is judged to have made 'good progress' since the previous inspection and 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*.