

## Inspection report for children's home

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## Service information

### Brief description of the service

The children's home provides care and accommodation for up to six young people. The home is provided by a charity and is registered to care for young people with emotional or behavioural difficulties.

### The inspection judgements and what they mean

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| <b>Good progress</b>         | 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. |
| <b>Satisfactory progress</b> | 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.                                  |
| <b>Inadequate progress</b>   | 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 undertaken by Ofsted the home was judged to be good overall, with two requirements and two recommendations being made. All of the requirements and recommendations have been fully addressed. The home continues to make good progress and social workers were very positive, in comment, about how successful the home are in addressing the often complex needs of the young people. The home is providing a safe, nurturing, caring and homely environment for young people to live in. There were no shortfalls identified at this inspection.

The first requirement made at the last inspection was for the home to inform Ofsted of notifiable events occurring under Schedule 5 of the regulations. The home is now fully completing, forwarding and maintaining a record of notifiable events occurring at the home and is ensuring that this documentation is sent promptly, to Ofsted. The information contained in the documentation is enabling Ofsted to externally monitor serious events occurring at the home, thereby helping to protect vulnerable young people.

The second requirement made was to ensure that when allegations of abuse are

made against members of staff by young people that they are appropriately reported to the Local Authority's Designated Officer (LADO). The home is now ensuring that when allegations are made against members of staff they are fully reported to the LADO and records are maintained to show the outcome of any investigation that may occur. The LADO confirmed that all allegations made against members of staff are fully investigated by the appropriate agencies and where no further action is required they are signed off and a record is kept. Young people are protected by the home's and local authorities rigorous approach to the investigation of any allegations of abuse made by young people against staff.

Members of staff accurately record in suitable books the details of any restraint used as well as the consequences and effectiveness of any sanction given. Young people are encouraged to make comment about the effectiveness of any restraint used or sanction given as part of this process. All of these records as well as the information regarding the use of planned physical interventions with partner agencies has been improved.

The team staff work closely with young people to ensure they are receiving good levels of support, advice and live in a safe and homely environment. Young people confirm they feel safe and that the staff are very supportive.

## 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*.