

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 run by a charitable organisation and provides care and accommodation for three children and young people who have learning and physical disabilities.

Progress

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

At the last inspection the service was judged to be outstanding.

There were no requirements and recommendations made at the last inspection. The children's home has demonstrated continued improvement in the quality of care and outcomes for young people. The staff work closely with young people in order to develop a happy and vibrant home where young people feel safe and well looked after. Young people's views are actively sought using a range of communication methods and are consistently used to inform the planning of each day.

There is excellent feedback from social workers who confirm the home provides outstanding care for the young people. Relationships are equally excellent with individual difference being accepted and valued by all living and working at the home. Young people are happy, safe and relaxed living at the home.

Excellent outcomes are being achieved. All young people continue to receive a high standard of care from experienced, competent and qualified staff team. Managers stimulate the enthusiasm of staff and channel their efforts effectively. It is a strong child focussed service that is conducive to young people developing to their full potential.

Young people's behaviour is effectively managed and as a result there are no concerns. Placements remain stable with young people making consistent progress in all aspects of their lives. The promotion of young people's education, health and well-being and social skills are excellent. A key strength of this service continues to be the creative ways young people are supported to make consistent progress and meet their individual targets.

The home's aims and objectives are being fulfilled. There are good quality assurance systems being used such as regulation 33 and regulation 34 to monitor the operation, management, young people's progress and records. Realistic targets are outlined in the homes development plan. The manager and staff are committed to systematically improving quality through consistent consultation processes and as a result care is ideally tailored to each young person's specific need.

Areas for improvement