

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

This home is part of a large private children's care organisation and is registered to accommodate up to three young people, who have educational and behavioural difficulties.

Progress

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

At the full inspection in July 2011 the children's home was judged to be outstanding. There was one recommendation made at this inspection, which has been appropriately implemented, the home's fire risk assessment has been updated, as required. Young people continue to live in a safe, caring and supportive home environment that enables them to make excellent progress in all aspects of their lives. They are achieving positive outcomes in their emotional development, education and the development of the skills they will need for living independently as adults. Young people display emotional maturity, a growing confidence and the ability to understand their own and other people's feelings and are both safe and happy.

Young people are very positive about the care and support that they receive, and their individual relationships with staff are extremely good. They recognise the work staff do to support them and ensure their safety. Staff provide young people with a consistently high standard of care, structure and routine. All aspects of care planning and practice are highly personalised and tailored to meet the individual and diverse needs of young people, which helps to promote individual identity, difference and equality.

Staff have a detailed knowledge of the individual young people they care for. They provide personal support tailored to reflect each young person's development and to meet their changing needs. Staff encourage young people to take more responsibility for themselves appropriate to their age and level of understanding. As a result young people have a responsible attitude towards their health and understand the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Young people continue to make excellent progress in their education; their attendance and attainment are both good, they enjoy education and are rightly proud of their achievements.

The home is very effectively managed. The home demonstrates continued improvement in the quality of care provided with a clear and focused commitment to service development and achieving positive outcomes for young people. This includes evaluating and enhancing the level of service provided and demonstrating a strong commitment to implementing the home's development plan. The provider and manager effectively review and monitor the running of the home and take action to

improve the quality of the service provided, routinely seeking the views of young people about their care. The manager has a clear and realistic understanding of the strengths of the service and the areas for further development based on clear evidence. Staff work closely with external professionals to ensure young people's individual needs and views are heard.