

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

This privately owned children's home is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to two young people with emotional or behavioural difficulties.

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**.

At the last inspection in August 2012, the overall rating for the service was outstanding, no statutory requirements were made, but one recommendation was raised. This was to ensure that there is a written record of all medication, treatment and first aid given to children during their placement. This referred to maintaining accurate records of medication given and stocks maintained in the home. No new requirements or recommendations were raised as a result of this inspection.

Since the last inspection, the record of medication administered has been kept up to date and accurate stock control has been achieved. In the intervening period since this last inspection, the home has continued to provide an excellent quality of care. Young people continue to enjoy the benefits of significantly improving outcomes; their education attendance and attainment remain high. Safeguarding has a very high priority and young people are fully involved in their care planning arrangements.

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.

The home continues to be 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.

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*.