

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

This privately owned home is registered to provide care for up to two young people with emotional or behavioural difficulties and/or with learning disabilities.

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 last full inspection of the home was in April 2013. The overall effectiveness was judged to be good. There was one recommendation from the last inspection and this has been met.

Staff are provided with a range of training opportunities which includes a level 3 qualification in Children and Young Persons Workforce Diploma. A number of staff have attained this and the majority of others are registered to undertake the training. Therefore staff will have the skills and knowledge to meet the diverse needs of the young people.

Young people continue to progress well in the home. They receive a good level of support from staff who provide a warm nurturing environment where young people can develop confidence. Young people are provided with a range of opportunities for them to participate including going for bike rides, bowling, shopping and trips out to a railway museum. This provides young people with experiences to broaden their horizons.

There are significant improvements for some young people in their attendance at

school from when they moved into the home. Staff liaise with school which assists in providing a consistent approach and this has resulted in young people's speech and language being extended from single words to sentences. This increase in vocabulary improves young people's communication skills.

Staff encourage young people to have a healthy lifestyles. However for some young people their diet is limited. Staff have worked hard to help young people tolerate and try new foods which has been successful and increased the range they will eat. Consequently young people have a more balanced diet.

Three requirements have been made at this inspection but these do not directly impact on the outcomes for young people. The home has an independent person to complete a quality monitoring visit. The reports have not been completed monthly and parents are not consulted as part of this process. Therefore, this does not give parents an opportunity to give their opinion about the care provided and contribute to the development of the home. The manager completes an internal monitoring. The report does not cover all the elements in Schedule 6 such as if any safeguarding concerns arise. However, any safeguarding issues are promptly addressed by the manager.

Areas for improvement

Statutory Requirements

This section sets out the actions which must be taken so that the registered person/s meets the Care Standards Act 2000, Children's Homes Regulations 2001 and the National Minimum Standards. The registered person(s) must comply with the given timescales.

Reg.	Requirement	Due date
34 (2001)	ensure the monitoring of matters set out in Schedule 6, such as any safeguarding concerns are covered (Regulation 34(1)(a))	04/04/2014
33 (2001)	ensure visits by the independent person under Regulation 33 paragraph (1) shall take place at least once a month and may be unannounced (Reg 33 (7))	04/04/2014
33 (2001)	ensure the Regulation 33 visitor interviews, with their consent and in private, the children accommodated there, their parents, relatives and persons working in the home as appears necessary in order to form an opinion of the standard of care provided. (Reg 33(4)(a))	04/04/2014

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*.