

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 is a private home. It is registered to accommodate up to three children and young people with emotional or behavioural difficulties. The home's stated purpose is to play an active part in the partnership of care of children and young people. The overall aim of the home is to provide a safe, nurturing, caring and homely environment for each child or young person where issues and concerns affecting both their past and their future can be positively addressed.

Progress

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

The home has continued to improve since the last visit. The provider has successfully addressed both requirements that were made at the full inspection. The visitor's log is now kept more consistently. It fully matches the other records kept by the home. The manager has created a child and young person's register and transferred the appropriate information from the children and young people's individual files into it. The record keeping has improved. These improvements support consistency in the care given to children and young people.

The manager has also taken seriously the recommendation made by Ofsted to keep staff and himself up to date with professional and legal developments. All staff have been made aware of the recent changes in legislation. The legislation and the new inspection framework were discussed at the team meeting in November 2011. The manager has also created a folder with the relevant information that is used as a reference resource. This awareness raising enables staff to be fully aware of legislation that impacts upon their practice with children and young people.

The home has demonstrated continued improvement in quality of care. Staff are now focusing even more on appropriately challenging children and young people's negative behaviours and attitudes. Their practice is better able to consistently promote children and young people's progress in their educational and social development. The service is more effective in promoting better outcomes for young people in its care. Some children and young people have made excellent progress since the full inspection, while others are making smaller, but still significant steps in their development.