

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

This is a private children's home that provides care and accommodation for up to four young people with emotional and/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 previous full inspection the home's overall effectiveness was judged as good. The service to young people continues to improve and the two recommendations made at the last inspection have been fully addressed. A detailed record of the interview and selection process is available and the views of young people's families and partner agencies are now sought regularly on young people's care. The home continues to impact positively on young people's life chances, for example, their attendance and achievement at school has notably improved since living at the home.

Young people enjoy positive relationships with staff, which provides the foundation for managing young people's behaviour. Staff are appropriately trained to use physical intervention with young people and they are clear that this is only used as a last resort. However, recordings of these incidents are not always sufficiently detailed to give an accurate and clear account of the event. Young people are settled within the home and risk taking behaviours have significantly reduced over time.

Young people remain central to care planning and proactive relationships with partner agencies ensure that their changing needs are identified and met. Young

people participate in a range of positive activities that they enjoy and gain a sense of achievement from including football and police academy. Young people are in good health and staff ensure their individual needs for support and services are secured. Young people comment 'I like the staff, I am happy, and I would give this home ten out of ten.'

The home is efficiently managed and operating in accordance to the conditions set. The Registered Manager works closely with young people and staff to rigorously monitor young people's welfare, which ensures high standards of care and the safety of young people. The Registered Manager is well aware of the strengths and weaknesses of the home and is committed to continually developing the service to young people.

Areas for improvement

Recommendations

To improve the quality and standards of care further the service should take account of the following recommendation(s):

- ensure that recordings of restraints are detailed and accurate. (Volume 5, statutory guidance, paragraph 2.91)

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*.