

## Inspection report for children's home

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| <b>Inspector</b>               | Elizabeth Tanner |
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| <b>Provision subtype</b>       | Children's home  |

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## Service information

### Brief description of the service

The home is operated by a private company and provides care for up to three young people. The home is registered to provide care for young people with emotional or behavioural difficulties.

### The inspection judgements and what they mean

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| <b>Good progress</b>         | 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. |
| <b>Satisfactory progress</b> | 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.                                  |
| <b>Inadequate progress</b>   | 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**.

This home was judged good overall at the previous full inspection in October 2012. This interim inspection finds that the home is making good progress and has taken action to address the requirement and recommendation from the full inspection. No breaches of Children's Homes Regulations or shortfalls in meeting the national minimum standards are identified as a result of this inspection.

Young people confirm that they can no longer overhear conversations in the staff office. A new office has been established and is used for confidential work and meetings. This office is in a separate building. The Registered Manager says staff are more aware of potential breaches of confidentiality and alert to the risks this presents. Such changes ensure that private information about young people is maintained securely.

The Registered Manager is enthusiastic and confident about the home's progress and has a good knowledge of the operational running of the home. He has ensured the home's Statement of Purpose now reflects the full range of placements offered. Consequently, local authorities and families can be clear about the range of care

provided by the home.

All young people have made good progress towards meeting their individual placement aims. This includes: educational achievement and attendance at college; developing independence; maintaining or improving family contacts; and not engaging in risk-taking behaviours, such as going missing or developing inappropriate relationships. Managers have the welfare of young people and staff at heart and encourage each of them to achieve. Staff are genuinely enthusiastic about their care of young people and there is a commitment to providing a high quality service.

## 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*.