

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

This children's home provides care and accommodation for four young people with emotional or behavioural difficulties. The home is operated by a private provider.

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 children's home was judged as overall good at the last full inspection in May 2013. The home has made good progress, which has impacted positively on good outcomes for children.

Four previous recommendations are met. Children's written residential plans are improved and clearly reflect children's needs and how these will be met. The new formats are designed in a child-friendly way to engage children and young people. There is good consultation and children's views and wishes are taken into account. As a result, children know their plans and work with staff towards achieving agreed goals and aspirations.

There is good consultation with children about the home's operation. They are included in changes in the home and are involved in decisions that affect them and how they live. Provider feedback from social workers and placing authorities is also good.

The interior of the home has been decorated and damaged furniture has been replaced. This provides a homely, comfortable environment. The home is clean and

tidy and well maintained.

Regulation 33 visits are improved and now include consultation. The home have recently contracted an independent service to carry out future regulation 33 monitoring. This is to ensure the external monitoring is none-biased and will challenge and develop the home and services to children.

There are now good development plans in place that record how the home proposes to develop and continually improve. A training programme for staff is included in the plan that is bespoke to each staff member's training and development needs.

Staff are happy and describe moral as good.

There are no new requirements or recommendations arising from this inspection.

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*.