

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

The home is owned by the local authority. This setting provides five long-term placements for young people between 10- 18 years old, who may need support with emotional and behavioural difficulties. This long-standing service has recently moved to new premises.

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 last full inspection the home was judged as outstanding. There were no requirements or recommendations made.

Qualified, experienced and child-centred staff do their very best for young people. Staff continue to deliver excellent quality of care through exceedingly positive relationships and robust care planning for young people. As a result very good outcomes for young people continue to be supported by development of their emotional health, behaviour, education and life opportunities. Where young people experience difficulties, proactive responses and multi-agency working have supported a positive way forward to bring stability.

Young people say that the staff are 'great,', 'they are like my second family,' and 'they have helped me so much with my education, I had missed a lot and they have got me extra help so that I can pass my GCSE's.' Young people appreciate the way staff look after them, listen and value their views and feelings.

Young people are protected by robust safeguarding measures. They say they feel safe in their home. The staff respond quickly to protect them if they are at risk in the community. This ensures that young people continue to live in a safe, caring and very supportive environment that enables them to make good progress in many aspects of their lives.

Young people benefit greatly from living in a home that is maintained to a very high standard. Young people say 'our house is lovely, I've got a large bedroom, and it's so nice.' Having a positive environment to live assists young people to thrive.

The effectiveness of the leadership and management underpins improvements being made to the home, care of young people and results in young people continuing to make good progress.

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*.