

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 children's home is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to three young people of either gender with emotional and behavioural difficulties. The home is privately owned.

Progress

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

The home is currently not providing accommodation or services to children or young people, therefore a proportional inspection approach is taken. As the evidence available when there are no children or young people present, the purpose of this inspection is decide that should an admission be made the service would be able to work to a satisfactory standard.

The company has a robust set of policies and procedures, which meet minimum requirements. The acting manager checks the building regularly to ensure all areas are safe and ready to accept an admission at short notice.

All staff employed to work in this home have received training on medication administration, first aid and basic food hygiene. The kitchen is fully equipped with working appliances. The medicine cupboard is fixed to the wall in the locked office and there are no medicines kept within the home. The home has a first aid box in the home and one for travelling in the car. These are checked monthly by the staff.

All staff employed to work in this home have received training on child protection and behaviour management, including restraint measures. There is a fire risk assessment for the building which is reviewed annually. All staff employed to work in the home have had fire safety training and practice regular fire drills. Comprehensive risk assessments are in place regarding the facilities in the home and all equipment in the home is serviced and maintained in line with requirements. Recruitment measures are robust to ensure that young people are looked after by properly vetted adults and are kept safe in the home.

The Statement of Purpose and young person's guide is available in the home and recently updated. There is an acting manager in post, who is in the process of applying for registration with Ofsted. There is a full complement of staff including senior staff, who are currently deployed to undertake training and personal development, whilst awaiting the next admission. All staff either hold their National Vocational Qualification in Caring for Children and Young people at level 3 or are working towards the diploma.