

## 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

<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.

## Service information

### Brief description of the service

This home is privately owned and provides care and accommodation for up to five young people of either gender, aged from eight years to 17 years old. It is registered to provide care and accommodation for young people with emotional and behavioural difficulties.

### Progress

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

At its last inspection the home was judged to be providing young people with good outcomes under every child matters criteria and had taken positive action to meet all previous recommendations and requirements. There were no recommendations or requirements to consider during this inspection.

This home has been closed for three months. The registered provider has indicated that the home will not be operational for a further four months. Should the home decide to accept placements they are required to inform Ofsted of their intention before they do so.

This setting is currently undergoing an extensive refurbishment programme and has no children or young people on roll.

At the time of the last inspection there were four young people in placement. Appropriate arrangements were made for each of the young people to move on from the home in a planned way, either to other residential placements or their own tenancies. All the young people had moved out by September 2011.

While the home is closed, the Registered Manager is taking the opportunity to review and revise all documentation to ensure that it complies with regulations and the new national minimum standards. This includes all policies and procedures and individual case records for young people. The Statement of Purpose is also being changed to reflect the way in which the provider wants the service to develop.

Prior to closure the home had not received any complaints. The use of sanctions had been very limited but, on the occasions when they were required, they were imposed fairly and appropriately. The management of challenging behaviour had not required the use of physical intervention in the 12 month period leading up to the closure of the home.

The staff who worked in the home prior to closure have been laid off but most are expecting to return to the home once it reopens. In addition, the Registered Manager

has taken steps to recruit new staff to join the existing team. Prior to reopening, the home is planning to run a two-week training package for all staff to ensure that they are fully aware of what is expected of them.

At present, the premises are not in a suitable condition to admit young people. The provider is aware that the organisation needs to give the regulatory authority three months notice of its intention to admit young people.