

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

The home is run by a privately owned company and is registered for a maximum of four children and young people who have a learning disability.

Progress

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

This home has not provided accommodation to children and young people since its registration on 23/06/2011. This inspection focuses on whether the children's home meets its statutory requirements in order to maintain its registration and is ready to accept any placements.

Appropriate recruitment and selection procedures are in place. Due to there being no children or young people in placement, the organisation has utilised newly recruited staff to provide support and care within their other homes. The service has contingency plans in place to ensure that if a child or young person is admitted to the home, then a team of established staff who are currently working for the organisation, will move to this home. The service does not take emergency admissions and any admissions will be on a planned basis.

The home is currently furnished with all the basic furnishings and fittings. Any child or young person admitted to the home has the opportunity to personalise their room.

Electrical checks and fire safety were undertaken as part of the registration process. However, these have not been checked since the registration and Regulation 33 visits have not been completed by the provider.

Areas for improvement

Statutory Requirements

This section sets out the actions which must be taken so that the registered person/s meets the Care Standards Act 2000, Children's Homes Regulations 2001 and the National Minimum Standards. The registered person(s) must comply with the given timescales.

Reg.	Requirement	Due date
33 (2001)	ensure that the home shall be visited in accordance with Regulation 33 by one of the directors or other persons responsible for the management of the organisation, to inspect the premises of the children's home (Regulation 33 (2)(b))	10/02/2012

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Recommendations

To improve the quality and standards of care further the service should take account of the following recommendation(s):