

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

This children's home is operated by a private company. It provides three long-term placements for young people aged between 10 years and 17 years who have emotional and behavioural difficulties.

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 **satisfactory** progress.

This home was judged as satisfactory at a full inspection in November 2011 and is making satisfactory progress at this interim inspection. The home has maintained quality of care and outcomes for children and has addressed the two requirements and the majority of recommendations identified at the previous inspection. At the last inspection, requirements were raised regarding the safekeeping of medicines and pathway planning. Recommendations were made about: shortfalls in the recording of behaviour management and risk assessment; the provision of staff supervision and training, including fire safety, and the monitoring of the quality of care at the home. However, the welfare and safety of people at the home are compromised because all staff have still not received up-to-date training on fire safety.

All medicines at the home are now securely stored and the manager monitors this regularly. Transition workers have been assigned to the young people requiring a pathway plan and initial planning meetings have taken place to assess the required content of the plans. Behaviour management records have improved to ensure that the records contain the required information. The manager monitors these records to

ensure that they are well recorded. Risk assessments have been reviewed and updated regularly. The manager monitors the records frequently. All staff have received up-to-date supervision from a competent person. However, currently not all staff at the home have up-to-date training in fire safety. This does not protect the welfare and safety of people at the home.

There is effective monitoring of the quality of care for the young people in the home. The manager has ceased delegating the task of monitoring the quality of care in the home and has established a good system to monitor, report and evaluate the administration systems of the home. This ensures that staff record well and any areas of weakness identified, are promptly acted upon. These effective evaluations help to ensure the standards within the home continue to improve

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
32 (2001)	make arrangements for persons working at the home to receive suitable training in fire prevention. (Regulation 32 (1)(d))	16/02/2012

Recommendations

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

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)*.