

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 accommodates a maximum of five young people in the age range of seven years to 15 years. It is close to local amenities. The home is managed by the local authority.

Progress

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

This children's home was judged as good at the full inspection with no requirements or recommendations. This interim inspection finds the home has demonstrated continued improvement in the quality of care and outcomes for children and young people. There are no requirements or recommendations from this visit.

Young people work closely with staff and hard work has created a vibrant home where young people like to be. The young people's views are consistently gathered and these influence the home's operation and future direction. There is good feedback and consultation with partners who confirm the 'excellent ethos' at the home supports young people to achieve and develop. Relationships are excellent with individual differences being accepted and valued by all living and working at the home. The young people are all happy, safe and relaxed living in their home.

Good outcomes are being achieved. All the young people continue to receive a high standard of care from an experienced, competent and fully qualified staff team. Managers stimulate the enthusiasm of staff and channel their efforts effectively. It is a strong, child-focused service that is conducive to young people developing their potential.

Placements are stable and young people take responsibility for their behaviour. There are no behaviour management concerns. The promotion of young people's education, health and well-being are good. Young people's educational attainments are good. Young people are prepared well for the time when they leave and transition planning has been effective to enable sustained engagement in education or employment.

The home's aims and objectives are being fulfilled. There are good quality assurance systems being used to monitor the operation, management, young peoples welfare and the home's records. Realistic and challenging targets are outlined within the home's development plan. Monitoring systems to comply with the requirements of Regulation 33 and 34 are in place. A protocol had recently been established to forward Regulation 34 reports to Ofsted. The home's management are committed to systematically improving quality through consultation processes, by better capturing then evaluating expressed views.