

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 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.

This home has been closed for six months and currently has no children on roll. The registered provider has given notice that the home will reopen at the end of April 2012.

The home was last fully inspected in May 2010 when its overall effectiveness was judged to be good. It has been subject to a further two interim inspections, the last of which was carried out in December 2011. At that time there were no young people living in the home and subsequently the home was judged to be making satisfactory progress. There are no unmet statutory requirements or recommendations.

The home is currently undergoing extensive rebuilding work and is not habitable at present. There are no records kept on the premises and the staff team have been laid off and are awaiting re-employment.

No requirements or recommendations are made as a result of this inspection.