

Inspection report for children's home

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<b>Inspector</b>	Gaynor Moorey
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## Service information

### Brief description of the service

This is a registered children's home approved by the Secretary of State to provide secure accommodation and care for girls and young women from 10 to 17 years of age. The home can accommodate 16 young women whose behaviour has placed them or others at risk.

The home comprises of four individual living units with formal education provided on site.

### 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.

## Progress

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

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At the last inspection, which was carried out in April 2012, the overall effectiveness of the home was judged as being adequate. One requirement and four recommendations were made. These have been addressed and new systems and working practices have been developed to improve effectiveness.

Young people are supported with their behaviour and risks they may take. Staff assess the wellbeing of the young people and appropriately provide support and care.

Young people have comprehensive placement plans in place which have been shared with them and signed to say they understand and agree with the ways they are

being cared for. The revised plans also now contain risk assessment and behaviour management plans. Where necessary special care plans are formed to address specific behaviour issues which assist staff in keeping young people safe. Young people are supported through up-to-date plans which encourage them to have greater understanding and control of their behaviour.

All recent notifiable events have been followed through the correct procedures with clear actions recorded. This ensures consistent transparent practice is recorded.

Young people are supported in their continued progress. Staff support young people in their aspirations such as attending college. Young people are empowered to express their opinions and consulted on their placements and plans.

The manager and the staff have worked hard to introduce new working placement plans and consistent systems to enhance the experience of the young people when they are placed at the unit. The consistency of care helps to ensure that the young people feel safe and are cared for as individuals.

The home received no requirements or recommendations at this inspection.

## 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)*.