

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

The service provides care and accommodation for up to four young people with emotional and behavioural difficulties. It is privately owned alongside two other services and run on therapeutic principles. One of the other services provides semi-independent facilities for young people preparing to leave care. The service houses a specific facility of education in an independent school linked to the house.

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 **good progress**.

At the last inspection in June 2012, the overall effectiveness of the home was judged to be good. There were three statutory requirements and one recommendation for improvement made at that inspection.

The Registered Manager has agreement from the local police to their missing from home protocol. Records in the home have been updated in line with this. These will show the potential risks to each young person and help police locate them and keep them safe.

The Registered Manager has introduced new monitoring procedures. These help to ensure that staff carry out their work with young people consistently and to a high standard. Notifications of significant events are now sent to Ofsted in a timely manner.

A recommendation was made to improve the décor in the home. New carpets have

been provided and some areas redecorated and with other areas scheduled for decoration in the near future. Young people personalise their own bedrooms. This and action taken by the manager ensures young people have a clean, homely environment in which to live.

Further developments have taken place since the last inspection. The systems are constantly being reviewed and different strategies used to help young people learn to manage their own behaviour. Young people benefit from staff continuously updating their care plans to meet their changing needs. New behaviour management strategies have been developed to reduce the frequency of swearing. As a result young people learn to express themselves in a more socially acceptable manner. Young people are making good progress and there has been continued improvement in their outcomes.

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)*.