

Inspection report for children's home

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Inspector	Debbie Foster
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Service information

Brief description of the service

This is a voluntary run children's home. It is registered to accommodate up to three young people. The home provides respite care and 52 week placements to young people with learning disabilities and 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 **good progress**.

This interim inspection focused on the progress made by the home since the last full inspection in May 2012, at which the overall judgement was adequate. The home is making good progress. There are currently no young people living at the home. The young people previously living there have made good progress in line with their care plans. The management team have improved the monitoring systems within the home.

The manager has taken positive action to address the requirement from the previous inspection. The placement and care plans, as prepared by the responsible local authority, have been obtained for all young people. As a result, staff are informed and clear about the care and support to be provided.

Visits by an independent person, to monitor the quality of care, in line with Regulation 33 have continued to take place monthly. The registered person has also established a system for monitoring the records in line with Regulation 34. These reports have been submitted to Ofsted as required and demonstrate how the home continues to improve the quality of care for young people.

The two recommendations also made at the last inspection have been addressed. Young people's safety is better promoted through more detailed written risk assessments which show how risks to young people are managed. Young people's placement plans are monitored more robustly to ensure that the requirements of the plan are implemented and that they now provide evidence of the progress young people are making.

Since the last inspection one young person has made a successful transition to another residential placement. The staff participate in regular staff meetings, supervision and training so that they remain well prepared and supported to look after young people. At the time of the inspection, assessments and introductory visits have been undertaken for two young people prior to their planned admission. This process assists children to settle in to their new home well and ensures that staff have the required skills and knowledge to care for them.

The building and environment remain in good structural and decorative repair and provide a homely environment for young people.

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*.