

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

The setting offers care and accommodation for up to six young people aged from 8 to 17 years. Children and young people are normally placed at the home for medium to long-term periods, although emergency and short-term placements are also provided. The home is run by a private organisation.

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 home was judged to be good overall. One requirement was made and this has been addressed. The home now ensures that all the details required are included in reports completed after a physical restraint.

Two recommendations made at the last inspection have been met. The home has reviewed the system of recording medication and the one in current use is effective. The records maintained are up to date and accurate. Additionally, clear records are kept of why, on occasion, it may be necessary to lock an area of the home, for example, the kitchen. This ensures that such practice is not routine and is only carried out to protect the well-being and safety of the young people and staff.

Since the last inspection the number of sanctions imposed on young people has significantly reduced. This has been due to discussion and reflection on practice encouraged in staff meetings and underpinned by guidance and advice from the psychologist who works at the home.

The home has increased the amount of hours that the psychologist works in the home and this has given the young people the opportunity to access weekly sessions with her. This enables them to have the time and space to reflect on their situation, their past and their aspirations for the future. Regular key work sessions for the young people, with members of staff, further enable them to voice their views and opinions on how they feel they are being treated.

Outcomes for the young people continue to be good. The home works very hard to ensure that all the young people access education and will advocate for them to attain this if needed. One young person commented, 'the staff are the best thing here'.

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*.