

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

The home offers long term care for up to seven children and young people with emotional and behavioural difficulties. A private company operates this home alongside its other home.

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 **satisfactory progress**.

At the homes last full inspection on the 26th July 2012, the overall effectiveness was judged as good. The purpose of the interim inspection is to monitor the progress made since the last full inspection. Two requirements and one recommendation were made as a result of the last inspection. During this visit, the inspector found that both requirements and the recommendation had been satisfactorily addressed. No shortfalls were identified during this inspection. As a result, the home has been judged as making satisfactory progress.

The quality of care provided by the service has remained consistent since the last inspection. Young people continue to make good progress in all areas of their lives due to the commitment shown by an outcomes focused staff team. Staff are positive about the leadership and management of the home and feel supported by the new manager. All staff receive regular supervision which meets the recommendation from the last inspection. Developments made by the new manager have had a constructive effect on the staff team with regards to their practice and professional progression which, in turn, enhances the quality of care provided for young people.

The home has been refurbished since the last inspection. It has been finished to a very high standard and is well maintained. As a result, young people show a greater respect for their surroundings and damage to the fabric of the building is minimal. There are plans to personalise the home further by putting up photographs of young people and display their art work.

The manager has implemented a number of new systems in order to consult with young people and placing authorities about the quality of care provided in the home. Internal placement reviews take place on a three monthly basis with young people and inform the internal monitoring processes of the home. As a result, the manager is able to gain a more accurate picture of the service provided by the home. This meets the requirement from the last inspection. Visits undertaken by an external visitor under regulation 33 have been amended since the last inspection. Young people and staff are routinely spoken to as part of the visit which meets the requirement made at the last inspection. This allows the visitor to establish a holistic opinion of the service through the feedback from young people, staff and stakeholders.

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*.