

## Inspection report for children's home

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## Service information

### Brief description of the service

This children's home is registered to provide care and accommodation for up to 16 children and young people who have a learning difficulty.

The service is privately owned. A respite/short break service is provided. Young people may stay in the home on an independence programme until the age of 25.

### 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**.

At the last inspection in July 2012, the home was judged to be good overall. One requirement was made and this has been addressed. The home ensures that there is proof of job applicants' qualifications and this information is kept in the relevant files.

Two recommendations made at the last inspection have also been addressed. The home's safeguarding procedure has been vetted and endorsed by the local safeguarding authority. The home also ensures that strategies identified in each young person's behaviour management plan are consistently implemented. This ensures that young people experience continuity of care as well as clear messages and approaches from the staff team.

Since the last inspection the home has appointed a new manager. This manager has applied to Ofsted to become the Registered Manager. Continuity of care and consistent leadership has been maintained as the new manager has previously been

a registered manager of the home. She was already working at the home in a senior monitoring role when the other manager left. Members of staff report that she provides good leadership. 'She knows what she's doing and knows the legislation' was a comment made by a member of staff.

The home has also appointed a member of staff who oversees activities and assesses how these can be used to increase young person's life and social skills. This has led to close scrutiny of goals and care plans so that young people's development can be encouraged and progress closely monitored and measured.

The home has developed an annex on the site to be used for social events and for family contact. The new development provides a large area, complete with kitchen, garden, activity room and facilities for personal care. This enables families of young people to visit them with facilities to enable them to manage their time together in privacy, without staff input, unless they require it. Some families can stay all day if they wish and have the opportunity to cook meals, play and socialise while using the facilities in private.

The home continues to reflect upon practice and review care planning with a view to improving outcomes for the young people in its care.

## 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*.