

Inspection report for children's home

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## Service information

### Brief description of the service

The home is run by a private organisation and is registered for eight young people. It provides assessment and care for children or young people with severe emotional and behavioural difficulties. Education is provided 365 days a year, both on site and through camps and outdoor activities.

### 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 homes last full inspection in July 2012, the overall effectiveness was judged as outstanding. The purpose of this inspection is to monitor the progress made since the last inspection. There were no requirements or recommendations made at the last inspection. No shortfalls were found during this visit.

This is an exceptional service which offers excellent quality of care for young people. Young people continue to make remarkable progress in all areas of their lives due to the commitment shown by a dedicated and outcomes focused staff team. One young person said, 'I've had chance to do things I've never done before like caving and rock climbing. It's all good.' Relationships between staff and young people are positive. One young person said, 'I get on really well with the staff - I love them.' As a result, young people engage well with the service and achieve excellent outcomes. Individuals attend education regularly and there is a marked reduction in risk taking behaviours.

Staff are positive about the leadership and management of the home and feel

supported by the management team. New staff have been recruited safely and are well supported throughout their induction and probationary period. As a result, the risk of young people being cared for by unsuitable adults is minimised due to robust checks carried out on individuals. The management team are improving recruitment procedures to ensure the retention of new starters in order to assure consistency for young people.

The home has undergone some refurbishment since the last inspection. This has given young people a larger dining room. It has been finished to a very high standard and is well maintained. Young people enjoy their new communal area and spend more time after meals chatting to staff and each other which promotes positive relationships. There are plans in place to refurbish other areas of the home and the manager has consulted with the young people on the choice of décor.

The most significant development in the home is the implementation of a key working package which educates young people on personal safety and the risks of exploitation. Young people who have completed the sessions with their keyworkers, have identified with certain elements and have a greater understanding of potential risks. This has reduced the potential of risk taking behaviours for these young people. Other elements of the package include work around identity and self-esteem. As a result, the quality of care has improved for young people, in particular, those who have previously placed themselves at risk.

## 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*.