

## Inspection report for children's home

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## Service information

### Brief description of the service

This service is a children's home run by a local authority. The home is registered to provide a service for up to six children, who have a learning disability and may also have a physical disability.

The home offers a short-term respite service only; no one is accommodated on a long-term basis and one of the six places is used only for emergency short breaks.

### 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**.

This interim inspection focused on the progress made since the last full inspection in October 2012, at which the home was judged to be outstanding. There was one recommendation for improvement raised at the last inspection and it has been met.

The manager has addressed the recommendation for staff to be appropriately qualified by ensuring night staff are enrolled on a level 3 Children and Young People's Workforce Diploma. The opportunity to complete this training has also been offered to relief staff. This ensures all staff have the opportunity to attend training that enhances and develops their skills and enables them to meet the needs of the children and young people.

Young people are provided with a safe, caring and stimulating environment which helps them develop. The relationship between young people and staff is good. Staff are knowledgeable about each young person and provide individualised care to meet

their needs. Parents are very satisfied with the care provided and say they are 'confident that the care is good and it's a great place where young people are very happy to stay.'

The manager and staff are committed and enthusiastic and continue to drive improvement which benefits young people. They have developed new systems, which show how young people are meeting targets set for them within their plan. This is simple, effective and individualised and clearly shows how young people are progressing.

Staff are clear about their responsibilities to safeguard young people and since their last inspection have developed an anti-bullying tree. This helps young people understand what to do if they have any concerns. In addition there is a variety of ways in which young people are listened to, the children's advocate has gained skills in a sign language, this ensures all children's views can be captured and acted upon.

The home continues to provide an excellent level of care for the young people. No breaches of regulation or shortfalls in meeting the national minimum standards are identified as a result of this inspection.

## 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*.