

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

This local authority children's home provides short-break care for up to six young people with physical or learning disabilities.

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**.

The home is currently judged as good. Since the last inspection of the home in September 2012, the manager and staff team have worked very effectively to further improve the service. Both of the actions and the two recommendations made at that inspection have been implemented. No new actions or recommendations arise from this inspection.

Independent monitoring visits to the home are completed on behalf of the registered provider. Since the last inspection of the service, arrangements for these visits have been further improved. Monitoring visitors now report clearly on all required matters, for example any complaints received at the home.

At the previous inspection, the home did not have a Registered Manager. The registered provider has now taken action to fill this position in agreement with Ofsted. This helps to ensure that there are good arrangements in place to lead and manage the service.

The home has a Statement of Purpose which describes the service to be provided to young people, their parents and carers. Since the previous inspection this document

has been reviewed thoroughly by the manager to further ensure that all the information it contains is accurate.

The manager uses the established systems in place to monitor the service and to create reports regarding the quality of care provided to young people. Summary copies of these reports are now being provided to Ofsted at the recommended frequency.

The manager monitors the quality of care provided to young people very effectively. They and the staff team use a good range of individual discussions, meetings and surveys to consult with young people, their parents, carers and placing social workers. These arrangements help to ensure that the wishes and feelings of young people and those involved in their care are taken into consideration. The manager works to incorporate these views, where possible, into their plans to further improve the service provided by the home.

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*.