

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

This is a council owned and run children's home. It is registered to provide a short break service for up to five young people at any given time who have a permanent and substantial disability. Currently, 31 children and young people from 10 to 18 years are accessing this service and specific support is also provided to their families.

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 quality of young people's care was judged to be outstanding at the previous inspection. The home has made good progress, in addressing the previous recommendation made. The views of the home's stakeholders are now formally ascertained, as part of the home's monitoring activities. Consequently, their views and suggestions can be acted on to promote the future development of the home. Feedback received following recent consultations with stakeholders, is consistently positive.

An independent reviewing officer reports, 'The home has an excellent reputation built up through the years of dedicated care and attention.'

A social worker says, 'The home is highly valued by children and families that access the service. It is also highly valued by social workers and other professionals.'

Positive use is made of the home's rigorous monitoring activities, to promote the smooth and efficient operations of the home. There are no breaches in regulation.

Additionally, there are no requirements or recommendations made, as a result of this inspection.

Young people continue to benefit from outstanding quality care that promotes their needs effectively. The use of clear risk assessment and pro-active safe care practice, ensure young people are kept safe within the home. Young people's welfare and safety is at the centre of staff practice. Young people's needs are managed safely and they enjoy a strong sense of personal safety.

The accommodation provided for young people is physically safe and appropriately secure. Health and safety within the service is managed with the upmost priority. Careful attention is paid to the safety and suitability of the physical environment, to ensure the accommodation provided for young people meets their diverse needs. Young people benefit from homely, suitable, well-planned and equipped accommodation.

Young people benefit from positive relationships with staff and with each other. Young people trust staff and they develop and sustain their positive attachments. Short stay breaks provide young people with a nurturing experience that is stimulating, rewarding, enjoyable and developmentally positive.

Young people benefit from the care and support provided to them by highly skilled, qualified, competent, knowledgeable and capable staff. Staff work enthusiastically with young people's social workers and families, to promote continuity of care and positive outcomes for them.

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*.