

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 was judged as outstanding at its last inspection in July 2013. Since then, the manager and staff team have worked very effectively both to maintain and to further improve the service provided. There were no actions set or recommendations made at the previous visit. There are no new actions or recommendations arising from this current inspection.

The arrangements in place to monitor the quality of the service provided by the home are very well organised. The manager regularly prepares detailed written reports which analyse the quality of care provided to young people. The manager uses the information in these reports and works very effectively with the staff team and young people themselves to plan and implement further improvements.

The registered provider ensures that independent monitoring visits to the home are completed regularly on their behalf. Reports from these visits are completed in good detail and report on all of the matters required and recommended. The manager at the home reviews and uses the contents of these reports to help plan further improvements to the service.

The manager and 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*.