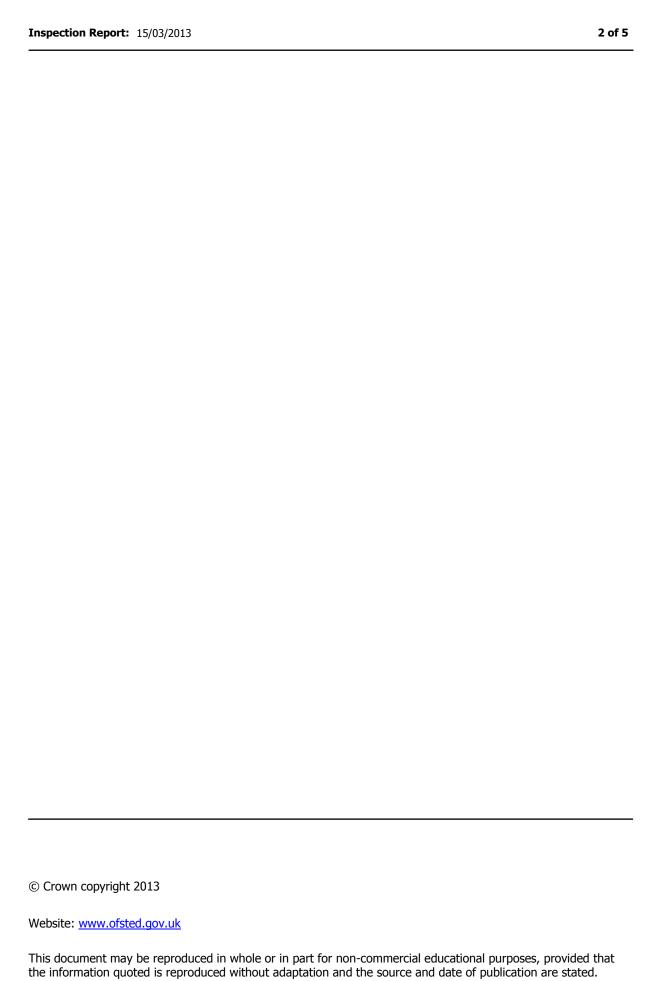


Inspection report for children's home

Unique reference numberSC001452Inspection date15/03/2013InspectorDavid MartinType of inspectionInterim

Provision subtype Children's home

Date of last inspection 17/05/2012



Service information

Brief description of the service

This is a privately owned children's home. The home is currently registered to provide care and accommodation for up to eight children and young people of either gender between the ages of eight years and 17 years. The home aims to support children and young people with emotional and behavioural difficulties.

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

This home has been closed for three months. The registered provider has indicated that the home will not be operational for the foreseeable future. Should the home decide to accept placements they are required to inform Ofsted of their intention before they do so.

At present, the home does not have a registered manager and the staff team has been dispersed. The organisation is aware that prior to any intention to reopen it would need to make an application to register a manager and have in place a coherent plan for the recruitment and induction of a new staff team.

All confidential records relating to young people who have lived in the home have been placed in safe storage. This protects information about young people.

The home remains habitable. Bedrooms and communal rooms are in good decorative order and the home is fully furnished. The premises are still fit for purpose and are ready for occupation.

All policies and procedures were inspected at the last full inspection and remain

current. All could be reinstated if and when a decision is made to readmit young people.

As there are no children on roll, there is no judgement made 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*.