

Inspection report for children's home

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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 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

The home has been closed since October 2012. The registered provider has indicated that the home will not be operational for another five months. Should the home decide to accept placements the registered provider is required to inform Ofsted of their intention before they do so.

There is no current registered manager or staff team. The registered provider is aware that prior to re-opening a registered manager would need to be in place along with plans for the recruitment and induction of a new staff team.

The home remains habitable. Bedrooms and communal rooms are generally in suitable decorative order. The registered provider made a verbal commitment to ensuring that bedroom carpets and furniture are all of adequate quality before any children and young people are admitted.

The registered provider has explored with local safeguarding agencies the potential to re-open the home with regard to local risks to children and young people. Gas, electrical and fire safety equipment has been regularly checked and maintained keeping the physical environment safe.

As no children and young people have lived in the home for over a year there is no progress judgement made as part 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*.