

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

This children's home is operated by a private company. It provides three long-term placements for young people who have 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

Since their previous inspection the service is judged to be making **satisfactory progress**.

The home received its full inspection in May 2013 when the overall effectiveness was judged to be adequate.

Since then a new Registered Manager has been appointed. She is setting a clear agenda for the home to improve across the board. As a result, the staff team is becoming more cohesive and consistent in its practice. Although these changes are beginning to have impact, they have yet to fully translate into good outcomes for young people.

Young people are therefore making satisfactory progress and say they feel happy at the home. They are in the early stages of placement, forming relationships and attachments to staff. There is improved school attendance, contact with family and a reduction in risks such as going missing from the home. Young people are beginning to engage in key working sessions and therapeutic intervention.

The manager has ensured that the requirements and recommendations from the last inspection have been addressed. This included a requirement to improve quality

assurance reporting under Regulation 34. This has been met and consultation is now integrated into this process.

Recommendations were also set with regard to consulting young people about their care and support; improving young people's nutrition and improving the quality of Regulation 33 reports. The home was also asked to help young people develop their hobbies and interests and skills for independence.

These have been met and as a result young people receive better support with diet and activities and are gaining some age-appropriate independence skills. Reports completed following visits to the home to monitor the quality of care, in line with Regulation 33, are now available at the home for everyone to read and young people make a greater contribution to planning and review processes.

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*.