

Inspection report for children's home

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Service information

Brief description of the service

This children's home is registered to provide specialist care and accommodation for up to 3 young people. It is operated by a private provider.

Young people may have a combination of mental health, psychological, emotional or complex care needs that present challenging behaviour. The home's programme of care incorporates a structured balance of education, recreation and therapeutic interventions tailored to meet individual needs.

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**.

This service was judged as good at the last full inspection which took place in October 2013. There was one requirement and three recommendations made from the previous inspection. The service is judged to be making good progress following this interim inspection. No requirements or recommendations have been raised as a result of this inspection.

A senior management meeting was held and this has addressed the requirement in relation to the content of the Regulation 33 report. There is now more data included in the report to demonstrate discussions taking place with young people, parents, staff and other professionals.

The Statement of Purpose is being updated to reflect the aims and objectives of the placement with particular regard to it being more outcome-focussed. Also the

Regulation 34 report is now identifying trends and patterns to ensure continued service development. The sanction log is in the process of being reviewed in order to reflect on the effectiveness of the sanction and to gain young people's views.

The home has demonstrated continued improvement in outcomes for young people. One young person has successfully moved on to a foster placement. There continues to be a high level of support for the young people and by having a staff team that has their best interests at the heart of what they do. Staff are vigilant at keeping the young people safe and do their very best to reduce the risk taking behaviours that are presented by young people with very complex emotional needs.

The home is well managed, which impacts on young people's quality of care. The staff team are kept up to date with new legislation and changes within Ofsted. The home has a clear working development plan in place which is shared with staff and this is reviewed quarterly and reflects any planned changes in the operation or resources of the service. The house is comfortable and homely with plenty of personal touches by the young people. It is spacious and well-equipped to meet the young people's needs.

The staff team is experienced and well trained in mental health issues and this equips them to provide a good quality of care to young people. Their strength lies in the good working relationships they have with education, child and mental health services (CAMHS) and the police.

Young people say they are happy living in the home and have good relationships with the staff team. They say they are involved in the running of the home, staff listen and they can certainly have their say.

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*.