

Inspection report for children's home

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## Service information

### Brief description of the service

This home provides care and accommodation for up to six young people who have a learning disability. It is operated by a private organisation and provides short breaks in addition to longer periods of care.

### The inspection judgements and what they mean

<b>Good progress</b>	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.
<b>Satisfactory progress</b>	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.
<b>Inadequate progress</b>	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**.

At the last inspection in June 2013, the overall effectiveness rating of the home was good. The home has made good progress since the last inspection. There were no young people present at the home at the time of this inspection. It was half term and all of the young people were out on activities.

One requirement and one recommendation was made at the last inspection. All have been fully met. No further requirements or recommendations have been made as a result of this inspection.

Since the last inspection, two of the young people have moved on to other placements. These moves were positive and were made as part of the young people's care plans. There have been new young people admitted to the home, the impact of these new admissions on the remaining young people has been limited, as the young people have settled in well with minimum disruption to the home. The staff have continued to provide a good quality of care to the young people they look after and they have generally been doing well in education and their daily routine.

Overall, young people are making good progress. The manager of the home feels that the consistent use of clear behaviour strategies is having a positive effect on young people. Records show that young people are rewarded for positive behaviour and appropriate sanctions are given for negative behaviour. This shows that young people are responding well to incentives that are in place and are developing socially acceptable behaviour. There have been no incidents of children missing since the last inspection. The home's manager and staff advocate for young people in their reviews. They ensure that the views of the young people are heard which ensures that their wishes and feelings are taken into consideration when decisions about their future are being made. This helps to ensure that the welfare of young people remains foremost and that the service is continuing to meet their needs as they get older.

Since the last inspection the home has completed an extensive refurbishment programme which gives young people much more space and provides a very warm and homely environment. The provider has applied to Ofsted to increase their number by one. This will allow the service the opportunity to have a room available to take emergencies. At the time of the inspection this room was being refurbished but not yet completed. The manager was very clear that the staffing of the home will always be considered in line with the needs of the young people currently in placement.

The home has updated their Statement of Purpose in line with the recommendation from the previous inspection and the recording of incidents requiring physical intervention has improved. The Registered Manager now speaks with any child/children and staff involved in a restraint. Staff also ensure that children are asked whether they wished to be examined by a doctor after any incidents requiring restraint.

The home continues to maintain a robust approach to planning for each young person living at the home. This ensures that children are reaching their potential.

## 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*.