

## Inspection report for children's home

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<b>Inspector</b>	Lynne Busby
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<b>Provision subtype</b>	Residential special school (>295 days/year)

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## Service information

### Brief description of the service

#### 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**.

The last inspection of the home was in April 2013. The overall effectiveness was judged to be good. There was one recommendation raised at that visit which has been met.

Young people benefit from healthy lifestyles which include healthy eating and regular exercise. This is clearly reflected in the care plan and staff are aware of what action to take to ensure positive outcomes for young people's health is provided.

There is a multi-agency approach to the care of young people. The staff work closely with colleagues in education and health such as occupational and speech and language therapists. Consequently, this enhances opportunities to achieve and have their health needs fully met. In addition, they work in partnership with parents so they are part of the decision making process.

Young people say they feel safe and are happy in the home. Staff are clear about safeguarding procedures and receive regular training which keeps them up-to-date. There have been no young people go missing or incidence of bullying. There is a zero tolerance policy on bullying and staff intervene if this should occur. Young people enjoy access to a wide range of activities that take into account their

individual preferences such as going to the cinema, climbing, swimming and fishing. These activities enhance young people's experiences and builds confidence and promotes friendships between young people.

The home is well decorated and maintained. It offers communal space where young people can relax. It is homely in design and young people's art work is displayed throughout this, helps personalise their space and celebrates their achievements.

Young people's independence is promoted and there are clear targets to achieve. Young people say they do their own shopping, cooking and laundry and they have opportunities to manage a budget. These skills help prepare young people for moving to adulthood.

There is one shortfall identified at this inspection; there is a monitoring system in place with an external visitor reporting on the quality of care. The visitor ensures they seek the views of young people and staff but parents views are not reflected in the report. Consequently, this does not demonstrate they have had an opportunity to give their views. This shortfall does not impact on the quality of care of the young people.

## Areas for improvement

### Statutory Requirements

This section sets out the actions which must be taken so that the registered person/s meets the Care Standards Act 2000, Children's Homes Regulations 2001 and the National Minimum Standards. The registered person(s) must comply with the given timescales.

Reg.	Requirement	Due date
33 (2001)	ensure the Regulation 33 visitor interviews, with their consent and in private, parents and relatives as appears necessary in order to form an opinion of the standard of care provided. (Regulation 33(4)(a))	25/04/2014

## 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*.