

## Inspection report for children's home

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<b>Inspector</b>	Michelle Spruce
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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 home is registered to provide care and accommodation for eight young people with emotional and behavioural difficulties. The home is owned by a private company.

### 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 **satisfactory progress**.

At the previous full inspection in November 2013 the overall effectiveness of the service was outstanding. No requirements or recommendations were made.

There have been some significant changes within the home since the last inspection. The manager has taken new admissions into the home. As a result, staff have received additional training to help them manage the complex health needs of the placed young people. However, health plans are not held on file and protocols for managing epilepsy have not been drawn up. This could compromise the health of young people and does not guarantee their individual health needs will be met.

In education, young people continue to thrive and do well. Education attendance is excellent. Young people enjoy school and benefit from on-site education. Staff apply consistent boundaries to encourage participation during education. As a result, attendance and attainment improves.

The staff improve the quality of care young people receive because they consult with

them on a regular basis. This gives young people the opportunity to make choices and requests about their care and the home they live in. For example, recent discussions during a residents meeting explored the options for a holiday to Disneyland Paris. This gives young people the opportunity to broaden their life experiences.

Some young people are preparing to move back home. This is a direct result of the improvement they have made during their stay. Staff continue to provide a committed and caring approach that young people respond to. As a result, young people's hopes and aspirations are achieved.

Young people feel safe and do not go missing from the home. Staff encourage positive behaviour through regular review of any pattern or trend that may be emerging. As a result, reparation has been removed for some young people due to positive behaviour.

## 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
20 (2001)	ensure each child is provided with guidance, support and advice on health and personal care issues appropriate to his needs and wishes. In relation to providing a health plan and a protocol for epilepsy. (Regulation 20(1)(c))	30/04/2014

## 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*.