

SC043732

Registered provider: Lincolnshire County Council

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is owned by a local authority. It is registered to provide care for up to 11 children with disabilities.

The home is currently being led by an experienced and qualified interim manager.

Inspection date: 9 January 2026

This monitoring visit

Inspectors were aware during this visit of the sad death of a child that had occurred since the last inspection. Ofsted does not investigate incidents of this kind; however, actions taken by the setting in response were considered, with particular reference to the support that had been offered to the child and their family, as well as the support for other children and the staff team. The child passed away at another setting and had not resided in the home for several weeks before their death.

The evidence gathered at the monitoring visit showed that the children are at the heart of this home, and sensitive work is being completed with each child to help them to understand and come to terms with the loss of their peer. The interim manager is working collaboratively with specialist healthcare professionals to ensure that each child is sensitively supported with compassion, using social stories and other communication aids through this period.

Managers and staff provided the child with warmth and nurturing care throughout the child's frequent visits to hospital and in the last few months of their life. The managers and staff spoke about the child with enthusiasm and compassion. They demonstrated unwavering devotion to the child.

The child's health needs were exceptionally well considered and met by staff. Staff continued to provide care while the child was in another setting, every day and night, while also ensuring that other children living at the home continued to receive

high-quality therapeutic care. Staff demonstrated an exceptional level of commitment, compassion and professionalism in their support for this child.

The interim manager is continuing with the supportive culture in the home. A key strength in the home is the way that managers and the team have supported each other, particularly during this difficult time. One-to-one meetings and clinical team meetings with the complex needs team and staff have enabled managers to evaluate and develop individual support strategies to help support them through this. At the same time, despite their grief, staff continue to maintain outstanding care for the other children living in the home.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
22/10/2025	Full	Outstanding
23/07/2024	Full	Outstanding
03/01/2024	Full	Good
07/02/2023	Full	Good

Information about this inspection

The purpose of this visit was to monitor the action taken and the progress made by the children's home since its last Ofsted inspection.

This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000.

Children's home details

Unique reference number: SC043732

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Lincolnshire County Council

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Responsible individual: Tara Jones

Registered manager: Paul Tallentire

Inspector

Thirza Smith, Social Care Inspector

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