

SC066129

Registered provider: Fairport Care Services Ltd

Monitoring visit

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This privately owned children's home provides care for up to five children with social and emotional difficulties.

The manager registered with Ofsted in July 2020.

At the time of this inspection, there were two children living at the home.

Inspection date: 17 July 2025

This monitoring visit

This monitoring visit was carried out following the very sad death of a child who lived at this home. This is under investigation by the appropriate authorities. The child's death did not occur in the home but was the reason for this visit. While Ofsted does not have the power to investigate incidents of this kind, actions taken by the staff in response to the child's unexpected death were considered alongside other evidence available at the time of the inspection.

This visit was carried out to understand how leaders and managers have responded during this difficult time and to review the support that the staff and children have received.

Senior managers responded swiftly to provide support to the remaining child at the home, the staff team and the family of the child who passed away. They acknowledge the shared grief and are offering appropriate support to all affected.

The manager and staff have demonstrated commitment to the child during these tragic circumstances, consistently prioritising their well-being. Whenever reassurance is needed, a trusted adult is always available to offer comfort. The child said that this is the only home they would want to be in in this situation, and that staff care and are there to support them.

Leaders have ensured that the manager and staff are well supported both practically and emotionally. This is helping them to remain resilient and focused on the needs of the child during this particularly difficult time. Staff have access to bereavement support. They have established relationships and come together as a team to reflect. One staff member said the support has been brilliant, the manager has been available and supportive, and all the team have been there for each other. These steps support the emotional well-being of staff.

The manager maintains effective communication with external agencies. All relevant statutory agencies were promptly notified. The manager and staff have fully cooperated with investigations conducted by external bodies.

A new child has moved into the home. This move had been planned for some time. The move was underway, and introductions had taken place prior to this tragic incident. Due to this, decisions were made not to delay this planned move.

This monitoring visit did not identify any concerns regarding the safety of children at the time of inspection.

The requirement and recommendations made at the last inspection are outside of the scope of this visit. These will be reviewed at the next inspection. No additional requirements or recommendations were raised following this visit.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
09/04/2025	Full	Good
28/08/2024	Full	Good
17/10/2023	Full	Outstanding
14/02/2023	Full	Outstanding

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: SC066129

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Fairport Care Services Ltd

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Registered manager: Michelle Porter

Inspector

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