

SC387148

Registered provider: Fairfield Residential Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

The home provides care for up to five children with learning disabilities and/or autism spectrum disorders. The home is run by a private company and provides education on site at a registered school.

The inspector focused solely on inspecting the social care provision at this setting. At the time of the inspection, five children were living at the home.

The manager registered with Ofsted in December 2015.

Inspection date: 23 December 2025

Date of last inspection: 3 September 2025

Judgement at last inspection: requires improvement to be good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Information about this inspection

At these inspections, the inspector evaluated:

- the care of children
- the safety of children
- the effectiveness of leaders and managers.

Inspectors have looked closely at the experiences and progress of children and young people, using the social care common inspection framework. This inspection was carried out under the Care Standards Act 2000 to assess the effectiveness of the service, how it meets the core functions of the service as set out in legislation, and to consider how well it complies with The Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards'.

Findings from the inspection

We did not identify any serious or widespread concerns in relation to the care or protection of children at this assurance inspection.

The inspector observed all five children during the inspection.

There have been no children move into or out of the home since the last inspection. Children were off school and enjoying their Christmas holidays. One child's parent was visiting and said that the staff were 'incredible.' Children have taken part in lots of activities on the lead up to Christmas that have been well thought out and individualised. Staff spoke proudly of how children are working well towards their individual targets.

Staff enable children to develop their communication skills and share their views, wishes and feelings in ways that they understand. The staff are creative and offer the children fun activities whilst creating learning opportunities. However, the manager does not obtain the children's views for the quality of care review which is a missed opportunity to make improvements.

Children are now supported to follow their physiotherapy plans and are much happier to engage with these and there have been positive improvements in children's strength. When children self-injure the staff now ensure that appropriate medical advice is sought to ensure the children's well-being.

There has been one medication error since the last inspection. This was managed well and appropriate advice sought. These improvements to staff practice and manager oversight mean that children's health and wellbeing are understood by the staff and appropriate action is taken when concerns arise.

The manager now understands the actions that need to be taken should a staff member raise concerns about a colleague. Previous complaints have now been thoroughly investigated.

There have been three incidents of restraint since the last inspection. These have been appropriate and clearly recorded, with an evaluation by the manager. Multi-agency discussions around the use of restrictive practices ensure that interventions are effective and explore how they can be reduced.

Members of the senior management team have supported the manager and the staff to improve through several detailed audits that set clear action points. In addition, regular team meetings and training have supported the staff to develop their knowledge and skills.

Staff supervision sessions are now more structured and evidence supervisees contributions and reflections. The staff spoke to say that they find the new sessions

supportive. The manager has informed Ofsted of notifiable events. This ensures that the regulator has an oversight of what is happening for children living in the home. However, the manager does not always support the independent person to speak with the children's families. This is a missed opportunity to obtain important feedback.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
03/09/2025	Full	Requires improvement to be good
03/10/2024	Full	Good
14/11/2023	Full	Good
20/09/2022	Full	Requires improvement to be good

What does the children's home need to do to improve?

Recommendations

- The registered person should ensure that children's views on the care they receive is included in the quality of care review. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 64, paragraph 15.2)
- The registered person should ensure that as part of their visit the independent person obtains feedback from the children's family. ('Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards', page 65, paragraph 15.5)

Children's home details

Unique reference number: SC387148

Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: Fairfield Residential Limited

Registered provider address: 108 Whitworth Road, Rochdale, OL12 0JJ

Responsible individual: Samuel Cope

Registered manager: Debra McGarrigan

Inspector

Kerri Lynch, Social Care Inspector

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