

New Life Children's Home

Safe Area (Location) Report

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HOME DETAILS

Name of Children's Home:	New Life Children's Home
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DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF THE HOME



New Life Children's Home is a newly established 3 bed provision which offers a warm and therapeutic environment. It is an ordinary house on a typical residential road in Bury which is a part of Greater Manchester. This will allow the children and young people to feel a part of the local community. The local neighbourhood is diverse, multicultural, and is best described as a blend of urban and rural. It is also within close proximity to appropriate cultural and religious amenities and several schools and colleges. The children living in the home will attend a Local Authority education provision (either mainstream or special provision), travelling by public transport or car. The house is within walking distance of local shops and a local high street, with access to a range of shops and recreational facilities. It is also within walking distance of a local park and public transport. Additional shopping and leisure facilities are available in the surrounding areas, including cinemas, leisure centres and places of interest. The house is easily accessible by car and public transport (bus and train), making it easy for family, friends, and professionals to visit. Bury, being in the Northwest of the country, is within easy travelling distance from across Britain.

TYPE OF PROVISION

New Life Children's Home will provide residential care to vulnerable children and young people with emotional, behavioural, developmental, learning, and low-level mental health challenges. The home can accommodate a maximum of three children and young people up to the age of 18 years, both male and female. The low number of residents ensures that each child receives a high level of staff supervision and support to meet their individual need. Some of the children are likely to have significant family problems which may impact them in many ways. Some may have experienced significant abuse and neglect in the past. These experiences have often contributed to the development of various types of risky behaviour (e.g. self-harm) and serious emotional difficulties (e.g. low self-esteem, depression, anxiety). In addition to this, they may experience forms of learning difficulties. Risk assessment and risk management plans will underpin the development and implementation of care programmes for the children and young people. In some instances, the child will have a diagnosis of developmental disorder, such as Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). These difficulties can often result in disruption to the child's education, and may lead to educational underachievement. New Life Children's Home will employ staff with considerable experience and expertise in caring for children with particularly complex needs and will establish close working relationships with other agencies, professionals, and families.

HOME SECURITY AND SAFETY

The home is in sound structural condition both internally and externally. There is a ***Repairs and Maintenance Policy*** to ensure the home is maintained to a high standard and complies with safety requirements. The home will also receive visits from an external Health and Safety Inspector on a yearly basis, who will provide a written report and recommendations and advice on the ***Health, Safety and Welfare Policy*** and the ***Fire Precautions and Procedures Policy***. The home is secure from unauthorised access. All external doors have appropriate locks that meet insurance security standards. The house is locked at night and keys to the house are kept safe and secure. There is a gate to the side preventing access to the rear garden. All windows are fitted with locks. All members of staff working at the home will have completed rigorous pre-employment checks that adheres to government guidance on ***Safe Recruitment, Selection and Retention of Staff and Volunteers***, which includes a satisfactory ***Enhanced DBS check***. External visitors to the home are required to provide proof of identification at the door before access is granted and are required to sign the ***Visitors Book*** upon entering and leaving the home. The ***Visitors to the Home Policy*** addresses the requirements of visitors with respect to conduct and behaviour. Where appropriate, and in line with risk assessment plans, only authorised visitors will have access to the home and will be always supervised by members of staff. The ***Safeguarding and Promoting the Welfare of Children Policy*** sets-out the procedures and processes for safeguarding and protecting children. All children and young people will have risk assessment plans specifying identified areas of risk and actions required to mitigate risks to reduce risk of harm. The ***Searches of Room and Person Policy*** provides guidance where there is evidence or suspicion that a child or young person has concealed illegal or harmful items (e.g. drugs and/or weapons) on their person or in their bedroom. There is also a ***Missing Child Policy***, ***Child Sexual Exploitation Policy***, and ***Police Involvement Policy***. The home has started to formulate a good relationship with the local police service and the Neighbourhood Team and Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) working in the local

area. The home also has good relationships with the neighbours, informed by our ***Good Neighbour Policy***. Children and young people at the home will also receive instruction in 'Stranger Danger' and Road-Safety Awareness.

INFORMATION COLLECTION ABOUT THE LOCATION: SOURCES AND METHODS

This report has been prepared using information from the following sources and methods:

(1) **Publicly available local data.** This involved web-based searches of crime statistics, obtaining the indices of deprivation and other relevant data. Reports were obtained from local safeguarding and public protection agencies. Data about local schools, secondary health services and information on children's opportunities for participation in leisure, sporting and cultural activities was also sourced and contributed to the evidence about the quality life for children in the area.

(2) **Consultation with local services.** The author consulted with various local agencies to gather as full a picture as is reasonably practicable about local intelligence on factors in the neighbourhood that may represent risks to children cared for in the children's home. Emphasis was given to services with statutory responsibility for safeguarding children in the neighbourhood where the home is located (e.g. children's services, the police, voluntary services). Consultation also took place with local educational and health professionals about the availability and quality of the area's educational and health services.

(3) **Discussion with children in the children's home.** Information about the children's views and perspectives will be obtained via individual discussion with the children; young-people's meetings; and feedback to other people (e.g. staff members, family, relatives, and professionals). Focused discussions will take place on a regular basis to establish whether children feel safe in the area and, if risks are identified, how they can be mitigated. The discussions will also establish the children's perceptions about how well local services understand and respond to their need.

(4) **Consultation** - The author solicited feedback and followed-up comments and feedback as necessary.

The Director consulted the following agencies:

Agency	Date of Enquiry	Date of Response Received	Summary of Expressed Concern	Notes
(Greater Manchester Police)	13.01.2026 Email sent to GMP introducing myself and the proposed setting up of a children's home	13.01.2025 Redirected me to the GMP website for the crime statistics	See Crime statistics below	See email enclosed
Police Crime Website	14.01.2026 Website searched 14.01.2026 Information available up to November 2025	Online search conducted	Bury's crime statistics indicate the third lowest crime rate in the Northwest Region and a 99.7 lower rate than the Northwest Region average. There is no highlighted information regarding CSE and CCE concerns in the area The highest crimes highlighted were violence against persons and theft. The children and young people at New Life Children's Home will be fully supported and supervised in the community. When accessing local parks or amenities, they will always be accompanied by staff.	https://homenicom.co.uk/area/bury/crime-rate

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Youth Justice Service	14.01.2026 Email sent to bandryot@rochdale.gov.uk	Waiting response		Email on File
Bury Local Children's Safeguarding Board	14.01.2026 Email sent on 14.01.2026 to BSP@bury.gov.uk To introduce ourselves and to gather information to furnish this report	Awaiting response		Email on file
Bury Children's Services	14.01.2026 Email sent to childwellbeing@bury.gov.uk	Awaiting response		See Email on file

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Police Community Support Officer (Bury)	14.01.2026 Email sent to burysouth@gmp.p.police.uk	Awaiting response		Email on file
Local GP – Moorgate Primary Care Centre	14.01.2026 Email sent to gmicb-bu.towercomms@nhs.net	Awaiting response		Email on file
Fairfield Primary school	14.01.2026 Email sent to Fairfield@bury.gov.uk	Awaiting response		Email on file
Eastward Community Primary School	14.01.2026 Email sent to enquiries@hazelwood.oaklp.co.uk	Awaiting response		Email on file
Hazelwood High School	14.01.2026 Email sent to office.eastward@visionmat.com on 14.01.2026	Response received from Tim Spencer (Business Manager) 14.01.2026. We were redirected to relative partner agencies		See email enclosed

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Neighbourhood Policing Team	14.01.2026 Subscribed to the community alert system			

Concerns	Source	Risks – Reason For	Preventative measures to reduce risk
Violence against persons	Police: Crime Website	The local town is approximately 0.7 of a mile from the home, shops, cafes, public houses and restaurants. Statistics show that this type of crime is 41.3% in this area which is relatively low when compared with the National average.	This concern can be experienced in many towns. The home is in a quiet cul-de-sac set away from public facilities which helps maintain a calm and controlled environment. No public houses are close to the home. There is no known gang-related activity in the immediate area and it does not attract groups or gatherings of children and young people. Concerns about specific children in the home will be addressed in their Risk Assessment/Risk Management Plan. Children admitted at the home will have significant relationships with the staff who care for them, and daily discussions will take place about keeping safe, avoiding danger, and having a good awareness of personal safety. Accessing social activities with the young people in this home will be planned and managed and subjected to risk assessments to determine areas of potential difficulty.
Theft	Police: Crime Website	Theft is relatively low in the area. At 23.4% it is much lower than the national average	Our Children's home is committed to providing a safe and stable and nurturing environment where every young person is protected from harm. We recognise that theft in the wider community presents a risk and we will take proactive measures to safeguard the children in our care. We will collaborate with the police, Social Care, and community organisations to remain informed about any emerging concerns. We will also ensure that all Children and young people receive age-appropriate guidance on how to stay safe in the community and manage peer influences.
Missing from Home	Police: Missing co-ordinator, safeguarding	Awaiting updates regarding any concerns in this area	All members of staff will be aware of the procedures relating to Children missing from care. Missing from home protocols will be in place within the home. Multi-agency partnership working will be initiated during incidents of children missing from care to ensure that they are safeguarded. Children will have key workers who they will develop a relationship with. These relationships will be based on unconditional positive regard which will help to deter children from engaging in missing episodes
Children's Homes in the Area	Local knowledge and Local Authority	There are two known children's homes in the local area We are awaiting an update of accurate data.	We recognise that at times, children from other local homes may present risks through peer influence, conflict or unsafe behaviours in the community. We will take proactive steps to safeguard the children and young people in our care while maintaining positive relationships with our partner homes. Each child will have a Risk Assessment Plan that reflects their needs, vulnerabilities and any identified risks linked to peers from other homes.

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Probation Hostel for ex-offenders	Greater Manchester Police and Youth Justice Service	According to the website information, there are no probation hostels in the area. Awaiting further information from the Youth Justice Service	As far as we know, there are no hostels housing individuals who may pose a risk to children in our local area, however, we will remain alert to the changes in the neighbourhood and respond promptly to any concerns about individuals or behaviours that may pose a risk. The young people will receive guidance on personal safety recognising unsafe situations and understanding how to seek help when needed. Each child will have a personalised plan that will identify and respond to risks linked to the local environment.
Child Sexual Exploitation Child Criminal Exploitation	Greater Manchester police and the Local Authority	Looked-after children are particularly susceptible to Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) due to levels of vulnerability, previous life experience of trauma and abuse, low self-esteem, poor levels of emotional resilience, inability to build meaningful relationships (attachment dysfunction), and negative peer influences. This is not an exhaustive list, but it indicates potential reasons.	All staff working within the home will complete training (which is updated annually) concerning safeguarding which includes CSE and CCE. The staff team will partake in regular supervision sessions to increase their awareness of and respond to the signs and symptoms of CCE and CSE-related risks. The staff team will work in such a way that they assist children in building emotional resilience and making positive choices that reduce risk. The home will continue to maintain excellent working relationships with the police and partner agencies. Professional curiosity plays a vital role in keeping the children safe.
Local Park	Observation and monitoring	The local park is within walking distance from the home.	Children living at the home will have individual risk assessment plans to ensure that they can access the community safely. All children will have access to Key Worker sessions which will focus on stranger Danger awareness which will increase their safety in the community. All children will have an agreed curfew time, which is designed to reduce risks associated with being in the local community after hours.

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Train Station	Observation and monitoring.	Children could leave the home without permission and board a train. However, the one local train station is approximately 39 minutes' walk from the home, providing time for staff to follow the child and intervene as necessary.	The children who will be living at the home will be risk-assessed to ensure they can use public transport safely. Staff will spend meaningful times with the children to build positive and trusting relationships, reducing the likelihood of them engaging in risk-taking behaviour. Keyworker sessions will be conducted with all young people to focus on the dangers related to trains, train tracks, and the surrounding area. High levels of supervision will be implemented should any young person display risky behaviours or have a history of gaining access to train tracks. Detailed management plans will also inform staff of exactly how to manage risky behaviours. Managers will ensure that missing persons' information is included in the young people's plans and is produced and updated regularly. Should any staff member witness a child or young person on the train tracks, emergency services will be called immediately. The staff will have access to the home's On-call services for support and further guidance.
Bus Stops	Observation and monitoring.	Children could leave the home without permission and board a local bus which is approx. 5 minutes from the home.	The children who will be living at the home will be risk-assessed to ensure that they can use public transport safely. Staff will spend meaningful times with the children to build positive and trusting relationships, reducing the likelihood of them engaging in risk-taking behaviour. Keyworker sessions will be conducted with all young people to focus on the dangers related to the use of buses and the surrounding area. High levels of supervision will be implemented should any young person display risky behaviours or have a history of absconding. Detailed management plans will also inform staff of exactly how to manage risky behaviours. Managers will ensure that missing persons' information is included in the young people's plans and is produced and updated regularly. Should any staff member witness a child or young person using the buses inappropriately will report their concerns to the appropriate Social Worker. The staff will have access to the home's On-call services for support and further guidance.
Main Roads	Observation and monitoring.	Children can leave the home without permission.	The children and young people will be supported to access the community in line with their Risk Management Plans and their Care Plans. Key worker sessions will be conducted to ensure that the children can travel independently and are aware of the dangers when crossing the road. High levels of supervision will be implemented should any young person display any risky behaviours on the main roads.

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Taxi services	Observation and monitoring.	Potential risk of CSE Missing episodes	The home always uses a reputable taxi firm (Elton Bullitt) or Uber should the need arise. Drivers at Elton Bullitt and Uber have had enhanced DBS checks, and only in exceptional circumstances will a young person travel unaccompanied in a taxi. The home will have its own vehicle, which minimises risks to the children. Staff members working at the home will undertake CSE and CCE awareness training and will be alert to any risks regarding the use of taxi services.

CONCLUSION

Regulation 46 states that:

(2) When conducting the review, the director must consult, and consider the views of, each relevant person.

The director believes that a major factor in regard to the location of the home is that of partnership working with the Greater Manchester Police, appropriate matching of children placed in the home, and a highly skilled staff team who are informed, well trained, and alert to the dangers that can befall a group of vulnerable children. In addition, the team working with the children in their care will undertake focussed work regarding exploitation to ensure that they are informed, knowledgeable, and most importantly aware of societal risks.

We believe that what children want most is to feel listened-to and cared for by staff caring for them. An integral aspect of the service provided at New Life Children's Home is to ensure that all members of staff build positive relationships with the children in their care. This in turn enables children to build emotional resilience which will assist them to make positive life-style choices.

The home aims to work closely with the police and the Local Authority to ensure that relevant intelligence is shared, and potential risks are identified as and where necessary. The home will maintain a 'Safe-Area File' that contains evidence of correspondence sent to other agencies, any replies received and

crime statistics from the police crime website. In addition to this the director has subscribed to the Neighbouring policing Alert System to ensure that we remain updated regarding any developments and concerns in the area.

Crime statistics

The total crime offences in the 12 months to **June 2025** was **18,490**. Bury's crime safety rating is **Average** with **93.0** crimes per 1,000 people compared to the national figures of **67** crime offences in **England** and **73** in **Wales**.

OFFENCE TYPE	AMOUNT	%
Violence against the person	7,639	41.3%
Theft offences	4,326	23.4%
Public order offences	2,138	11.6%
Criminal damage and arson	1,586	8.6%
Drug offences	1,104	6.0%
Sexual offences	779	4.2%

OFFENCE TYPE	AMOUNT	%
Miscellaneous crimes against society	474	2.6%
Possession of weapons offences	248	1.3%
Robbery	196	1.1%
Total	18,490	100%

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