



LOCATION RISK ASSESSMENT ORCHARD HOUSE

LOCATION ASSESMENT, REGULATION 46	
Name of Children's Home	Orchard House
Address of Children's Home	50 Coleridge Drive, Cheadle, Stoke on Trent, ST10 1XA
Ofsted URN Number	
Company Name	E & E Care
Registered Manager	
RM Email	
RM Telephone	
Responsible Individual	
RI Email	
RI Telephone	

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Introduction

Orchard House is a large detached Six-bedroom property situated on Coleridge Drive in Cheadle, Stoke-on Trent. On entering the property there is a good size hall way with a spacious lounge to the right. Ahead of the hall way, there is a small cloak room and the entrance to a large dining room. The dining room opens out to a good sized garden to the rear. Off the dining room there is a large kitchen/utility which leads to a doorway with access to the garage.

The first floor comprises of 4 large young people's bedrooms, 2 of which are en-suite, a shared family sized bathroom and a staff sleep in room.

The second floor boasts a large staff bedroom with an office.

Caring for the Children and Young People

Orchard House will provide a high level of care for up to 4 children and young people between the ages of 7 and 17 years. Orchard House will provide medium to long term care and support for children and young people of either sex that have been subject to neglect, trauma, abuse, and will require support to manage and/or cope with emotional behavioural difficulties and/or Learning Disabilities.

Orchard House will ensure that all children and young people coming to live in our home, will have a smooth planned transition. This will not be a home that accepts emergency placements, unless there are no children and young people yet resident in the home. This will reduce the disruption to any other child or young person already residing in the home.

The provision of care will be in a multi-occupancy house registered with OFSTED as a Children's Home.

A robust impact risk assessment will be completed for each child/young person who may reside at the home, which can determine whether our home will be the right home for them to live in. Orchard House will match the needs of the young person to the home, location and other young people. This will ensure that the placement is suitable and is able to meet their needs prior to them moving in.

It is the aim of Orchard House to provide a welcoming, warm homely environment for the children and young people to settle into and feel safe and secure. Staff will develop positive relationships with the children and young people and encourage them to develop positive relationships with other children and young people living in our home. We would like to replicate, as much as possible, a regular family environment, where children and young people are able to take controlled risks as they enjoy their youth and prepare for independence.

Location of the Home

Coleridge drive is a street located in Stoke-on-Trent, with a postcode of ST10 1XA. There have been 140 property transactions in this postcode since 1995, with 60 unique properties. The most common property type in this street is detached. There are 1 nearby train stations and 7 nearby schools. ST10 1XA postcode was first introduced in January 1992. ST10 1XA is located within the Stoke-on-Trent Travel To Work Area. NHS Services in this postcode are provided by the North Staffordshire Primary Care Trust. ST10 1XA is located within the Parish / community of Cheadle.

Safeguarding

Stoke-on-Trent has always been a city with a strong identity – one that the residents are rightly proud of. They are now strengthening our partnership arrangements to safeguard children.

As a partnership Stoke-on-Trent will provide leadership and joint accountability to provide protection, support and representation for those in greatest need.

They believe in prevention and that it is better to act before harm occurs, while seeking the least intrusive response appropriate to the risk presented.

They aim to provide local solutions through services working with their communities, they will promote a child centred approach and continue to do their best to listen to the views and understand the needs of children and families in Stoke-on-Trent. They will do their best to ensure people are supported and encouraged to make their own decisions with informed consent, but where children need to be protected, they will take decisive action to safeguard them.

Their vision is that partners in Stoke-on-Trent will work effectively and collaboratively towards shared priorities to improve safeguarding outcomes for all children.

The vision of the Stoke-on-Trent Safeguarding Children Partnership is underpinned by the following principles:

- Child centred – Children are at the heart of everything we do, and we will ensure that we listen to children, understand their lived experience and needs, risks are minimised, and protective factors supported.
- High support high scrutiny – We will learn from each other, promote scrutiny and supportive conversations that have a sharp focus on keeping children safe.
- Outcome & Impact focused – Our partnership strategy, plans and practice will be informed by evidence, performance and evaluation.

The Children and Social Work Act (2017) replaced Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCB) with Safeguarding Partnerships. Working Together (2018) sets out what is expected of Local Safeguarding Partnerships and how organisations will work individually and jointly, to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

Following these national changes, it was decided that Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire would have a joint safeguarding partnership. This was in place until October 2021 when it was agreed that Stoke-on-Trent would have its own Safeguarding Partnership separate to Staffordshire. Whilst some work things will be done separately in future, there will continue to be strong co-operation between Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire, and wherever possible joint

arrangements and protocols will remain in place to avoid duplication and keep our safeguarding arrangements as simple, effective and joined up as possible.

The Stoke-on-Trent Safeguarding Children Partnership is led by three statutory safeguarding partners who will hold equal responsibility for safeguarding children in the area. The statutory safeguarding partners are Stoke-on-Trent City Council, Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care System (ICS) and Staffordshire Police.

The purpose of the local safeguarding children's partnerships is to support and enable local organisations and agencies to work together in a system where:

- children are safeguarded and their welfare promoted.
- partner organisations and agencies collaborate, share and co-own the vision for how to achieve improved outcomes for vulnerable children.
- organisations and agencies challenge appropriately and hold one another to account effectively.
- there is early identification and analysis of new safeguarding issues and emerging threats.
- learning is promoted and embedded in a way that local services for children and families can become more reflective and implement changes to practice.
- information is shared effectively to facilitate more accurate and timely decision making for children and families.

Exploitation

Child Exploitation, including Child Sexual Exploitation

Child exploitation occurs where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child or young person under the age of 18 into sexual or criminal activity in exchange for something the victim needs or wants, and/or for the financial advantage or increased status of the perpetrator or facilitator. (Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018).

Exploited children are victims of abuse. Children do not make informed choices to enter into or to remain in exploitative situations, and only do so through coercion, enticement, manipulation or desperation. Children may also exploit other children, and this can often be because they have been exploited themselves or perpetuate harm as a result of being groomed/fear of coercion. It is critical that professionals are careful they do not adopt a blame approach.

Children who are being exploited or, who are at risk of being exploited, will have varying levels of needs. They may have multiple vulnerabilities and therefore an appropriate multi- agency response and effective coordination is essential to ensure the child safety. Abuse does not occur because of a child's vulnerability; it occurs because there is someone willing to take advantage of this vulnerability and because there are inadequate protective structures around the child and family to mediate against this.

Child Criminal Exploitation is the exploitation of a child to engage in criminal activity for the gain of another adult. County Lines is a term used to describe organised criminal networks exporting illegal drugs into one or more importing areas (within the UK). This can take many

forms, including shoplifting, theft, robbery violent crime, carrying weapons, drug running, or dealing drugs on behalf of adults. They use dedicated mobile phones in the 'dealing lines' and often use children and adults to move and store drugs and money through coercion, intimidation, violence, sexual violence and weapons. To read more about County Lines click on the links below:

- [County Lines Information \(Crime Stoppers\)](#)
- [County Lines Information \(National Crime Agency\)](#)

Child Sexual Exploitation is a form of child sexual abuse. Child Sexual Exploitation can affect any child or young person (male or female) under the age of 18 years, including 16- and 17-year-olds who can legally consent to have sex. Children may have been sexually exploited when the sexual activity appears consensual as exploitation can involve enticement-based methods of compliance and may not always be accompanied by violence or threats of violence; it may occur without the child or young person's immediate knowledge (through others copying videos or images they have created and posting on social media, for example). The abuse can be a one-off occurrence or a series of incidents over time and range from opportunistic to complex organised abuse. Child Sexual Exploitation can include physical contact (penetrative and non-penetrative acts) it does not always involve physical contact, can take place in person or via technology, or a combination of both.

A common feature of child exploitation is that the child does not recognise the coercive nature of the relationship and therefore does not see themselves as a victim of exploitation. Therefore, the importance of professional curiosity, empathy and persistence are required when working with children who may be at risk or experiencing exploitation. Read more about child sexual exploitation below:

- [Child Sexual Exploitation Information \(NSPCC\)](#)
- [How to Spot Child Sexual Exploitation \(NHS\)](#)
- [Online Child Sexual Exploitation \(and Child Sexual Abuse\)](#)

Below is the Stoke-on-Trent multi-agency practice guidance and the Risk Factor Matrix:

- [Child Exploitation Practice Guidance](#)
- [Child Exploitation Risk Factor Matrix](#)
- [Referral Pathway for CSE and CCE](#)

[Children who go missing from home or care](#)

Whenever a child goes missing from home or care it is important that partners know what they need to do to report the children as missing, and to ensure appropriate intervention is in place to reduce further incidents of missing. Whilst not every missing episode indicates that a child is at risk of harm, missing episodes are highly correlated to concerns a child might be vulnerable to being exploited and therefore every episode needs to be treated as urgent until the circumstances for the child have been determined.

The joint protocol for children missing from home or care contains information on the processes to be followed by the partnership in relation to missing children.

- [Joint Protocol Children Missing from Home or Care](#)

Consent

Children under the age of 16 cannot lawfully consent to sexual activity. Anyone engaging in sexual activity with a child under 16 is committing a criminal offence, regardless of age.

Non-consensual sex is rape whatever the age of the child. Where consent is purported to be obtained, but the child was incapacitated through drink or drugs or, the child or their family have been subjected to violence or the threat of it; the child cannot be considered to have given true consent and therefore offences may have been committed.

Specific serious offences, including rape, apply to anyone engaging in sexual activity with a child under the age of 13 as the child is presumed incapable of consent.

Child sexual exploitation is never the victim's fault, even if there is some form of exchange: all children and young people under the age of 18 have a right to be safe and should be protected from harm.

Additional information:

- [CSE Guidance for Professionals, DfE 2017](#)

Assessment of Risk Outside the Home (Contextual Safeguarding)

Assessment of risk outside the home previously referred to as Contextual Safeguarding is an approach to understanding and responding to young people's experiences of harm beyond their families. It recognises that the different relationships young people form in their neighbourhoods, schools and online can feature violence and abuse. These threats can take a variety of different forms and children can be vulnerable to multiple threats, including exploitation by criminal gangs and organised crime groups such as county lines; trafficking; online abuse; teenage relationship abuse; sexual exploitation and the influences of extremism leading to radicalisation.

Parents and carers may have little influence over these contexts and young people's experiences of extra familial abuse can undermine parent-child relationships. As individuals move from early childhood and into adolescence, they spend greater amounts of time socialising independently of their families. During this time, peer relationships are increasingly influential, setting social norms and informing young people's experiences, behaviours, choices and peer status. These relationships are shaped by, the school, neighbourhood and online contexts in which they develop.

The current child protection system and legislative/policy framework which underpins contextual safeguarding was designed to protect children and young people from risks posed by their families or situations where families have reduced capacity to safeguard those in their care. Assessment of risk outside the home supports the development of approaches which disrupt/change harmful extra familial contexts rather than move families/young people away from them. The approach extends the concept of 'capacity to safeguard' beyond families to those individuals and sectors who manage extra familial settings in which young people may encounter risk.

The Role of Professionals

Those working with young people need to engage with individuals and sectors who do have influence over/within these extra familial contexts and recognise that intervention with these spaces is a critical part of safeguarding.

The interplay between extra-familial contexts and relationships is crucial. If young people socialise in safe and protective schools and community settings, they will be supported to form safe and protective peer relationships. Conversely, if they form friendships in contexts characterised by violence and/or harmful attitudes relationships may become anti-social, unsafe or promote problematic social norms.

Children who may be alleged perpetrators should also be assessed to understand the impact of contextual issues on their safety and welfare. Interventions should focus on addressing these wider environmental factors, which are likely to be a threat to the safety and welfare of a number of different children not only the subject child. Assessments of children in such cases should consider the individual needs and vulnerabilities of each child. They should look at the parental capacity to support the child, including helping the parents and carers to understand any risks and support them to keep children safe.

Resource Documents – with particular thanks to the Contextual Safeguarding Network;

- For practice guides and resource's visit the practitioner site on the Contextual Safeguarding Network - [Practice guides and resources \(csnetwork.org.uk\)](https://csnetwork.org.uk)
- A 2020 update on the operational, strategic and conceptual framework - [A 2020 update on the operational, strategic and conceptual framework – Contextual Safeguarding Network](#)
- County Lines and Contextual Safeguarding Briefing 2019 - [Contextual Safeguarding and 'County Lines' – Contextual Safeguarding Network](#)
- [Safe4Me](#) Toolkits providing resources, activities and advice to help schools, professionals and parents to keep children safe.

What to do if you are worried:

It may sound simple, but if you are worried about anything the best thing you can do is talk to someone you trust. This could be a:

- **Friend**
- **Parent/carers**
- **Teacher**
- **Youth worker**
- **Social worker**

They may not always know exactly what to do, but if they are an adult they can find out and help you. Just talking to someone can help you realise whether your worry is little and may just sort itself out in time, or whether it is a big worry, which means you need to do something about it as it is not going to get better until you do. Friends can be useful at helping you decide if your problem is big or small and they can help you tell an adult if you need to.

You can also talk to [ChildLine](#) about anything. No problem is too big or too small.

Contact ChildLine by going online and using the [1-2-1 chats or emailing](#) or by calling for **free** on **0800 1111** (the calls won't even show up on the phone bill).

You can also contact Children Services in Stoke:

You can call the Front door between office hours on 01782 235100

For out of hours, you can contact 01782 234234

In an emergency call 999.

Accessibility of Local Services and positive features of the location

Less than 3 miles away from Orchard house is Altom Towers resort which boasts huge rollercoaster for fun for everyone. The nearest leisure centre to the home is 1 mile away and the nearest golf course is 3.4 miles away.

The home has 3 GP surgeries located within 1.2 miles and the nearest hospital is 1.3 mile away.

Below are locations of nearby services.

Public Transport

The nearest train stations and bus stations to Pear Tree House are shown in the below tables:

Nearest bus stops to ST10 1XA		
Wedgwood Road (Moorcroft Close)	Cheadle	325m
Dilhorne Road (The Green)	Brookhouses	373m
Dilhorne Road (The Green)	Brookhouses	391m
Lid Lane (The Terrace)	Cheadle	437m
Cheadle High School (The Sidings)	Cheadle	454m

Nearest Railway Stations

Listed here are the 9 closest railway stations to Coleridge Drive, Cheadle, Stoke-On-Trent, ST10 1XA. The nearest railway station is Blythe Bridge, approximately 3 miles away.

Name	Approximate Distance*
Blythe Bridge	3 miles
Longton	5.8 miles
Wedgwood	7.5 miles
Barlaston	7.6 miles
Stoke-on-Trent	7.8 miles
Uttoxeter	8.3 miles
Stone (Staffs)	8.3 miles
Longport	10 miles
Norton Bridge	12 miles

Map of Local Services

HEALTH			
Service	Address	Telephone No. / Email	Distance
GP	Dr P Craven & Dr N.J. Cunningham The Surgery Allen Street Cheadle ST10 1HJ	01538 752674	1 Mile
Optician	Nusyte Opticians (Cheadle) 50 High Street Stoke ST10 1AF	01538 752085	0.2 Miles
Dentist	The Avenue Dentistry 2 The Avenue Cheadle Stoke ST10 1EG	01538 753737	0.2 Miles
A & E	Royal Stoke University Hospital Newcastle Road Stoke ST4 6QG	01782 715444	9.2 Miles
Walk-In Centre	Cheadle Hospital Royal Walk Stoke ST10 1NS	0300 7900232	0.4 Miles
CAMHS	North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust Lawton House	0800 0 328728 Option 1	10.3 Miles

	Bellringer Road Trentham ST4 8HH		
Sexual Health	GUM & Contraception Cobridge Community Health Centre Entrance H Church Terrace, Cobridge ST6 2JN	0808 1780955	8.8 Miles
Drugs & Alcohol	We Are With You Stoke 76-86 Hope Street Hanley ST1 5BY	01782 283113	8.3 Miles
Pharmacy	Boots 47 High Street Cheadle ST10 1AR	01538 756095	0.2 Miles

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Service	Address	Telephone No. / Email	Distance
Police Station	Cheadle Police Station 57 Chapel Street Cheadle ST10 1DU	0845 3302010	0.3 Miles
Fire Station	Cheadle Community Fire Station Ashbourne Road ST10 1HF	01785 898150	0.5 Miles
Ambulance Station	Cheadle Ambulance Station Turves Road Cheadle	Unknown	Unknown

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Service	Address	Telephone No. / Email	Distance
C of E Church	St Giles C of E Church The Rectory Church Street ST10 1ED	01538 753337	1.4 Miles
RC Church	St Giles RC Church 18 Charles Street ST10 1ED	01538 753130	1.2 Miles
Methodist Chapel	Butt Lane Methodist Church Chapel Lane Farsbrook ST11 9BY	01782 782979	4 Miles

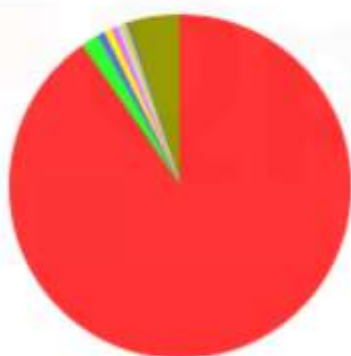
Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall	Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness Manor Street Stoke ST4 2PT	07737578152	8.8 Miles
Muslim Mosque	Kurdish Islamic Centre & Masjid Salahuddin Old Town Road Hanley ST1 2JS	07761503203	10 Miles

LEISURE & ACTIVITIES			
Service	Address	Telephone No. / Email	Distance
Park	Broad Haye's Park Broad Haye Farm Hammersley Hayes Road ST10 2DD	01538 750266	1.4 Miles
Leisure Centre	South Moorlands Allen Street Cheadle ST10 1HJ	01538 753331	1 Mile
Youth Centre	Meir, Meir, Youth Centre Sandon Road ST3 5SP	01782 342028	6 Miles
Bowling	Tenpin Stoke Festival Park ST1 5SP	0871 2223675	12.4 Miles
Cinema	Odeon Cinema Festival Park Stoke ST1 5SP	0871 2244007	12.4 Miles
Horse Riding	Cheadle Equestrian Centre Cheadle ST10 1RB	01538 756400	1.8 Miles
Singing Music	Lisa Finney Singing Tuition 28 Weston Coyney Road ST3 5HY	01782 334668	6.7 Miles

Ethnic Group

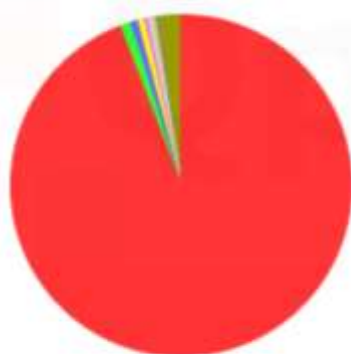
The average age of people in Stoke-on-Trent is 38, while the median age is also 38.

90.2% of people living in Stoke-on-Trent were born in England. Other top answers for country of birth were 1.7% Pakistan, 0.7% Scotland, 0.7% India, 0.6% Wales, 0.3% Philippines, 0.3% Zimbabwe, 0.2% Ireland, 0.2% China, 0.2% Northern Ireland.



1.	England	90.20%
2.	Pakistan	1.70%
3.	Scotland	0.70%
4.	India	0.70%
5.	Wales	0.60%
6.	Philippines	0.30%
7.	Zimbabwe	0.30%
8.	Ireland	0.20%
9.	China	0.20%
10.	Northern Ireland	0.20%
11.	Other	4.90%

94.1% of people living in Stoke-on-Trent speak English. The other top languages spoken are 1.0% Urdu, 0.7% Polish, 0.6% Panjabi, 0.4% Kurdish, 0.2% Tagalog/Filipino, 0.2% All other Chinese, 0.2% Bengali, 0.2% Arabic, 0.1% Slovak.



1.	English	94.10%
2.	Urdu	1.00%
3.	Polish	0.70%
4.	Panjabi	0.60%
5.	Kurdish	0.40%
6.	Tagalog/Filipino	0.20%
7.	All other Chinese	0.20%
8.	Bengali	0.20%
9.	Arabic	0.20%
10.	Slovak	0.10%
11.	Other	2.30%

Religious Makeup

The religious make up of Stoke-on-Trent is 60.9% Christian, 24.9% No religion, 6.0% Muslim, 0.6% Hindu, 0.3% Buddhist, 0.2% Sikh.



1.	Christian	60.90%
2.	No religion	24.90%
3.	Muslim	6.00%
4.	Hindu	0.60%
5.	Buddhist	0.30%
6.	Sikh	0.20%
7.	Other	7.10%

15,942 people did not state a religion. 581 people identified as a Jedi Knight and 22 people said they believe in Heavy Metal.

42.6% of people are married, 12.7% cohabit with a member of the opposite sex, 0.8% live with a partner of the same sex, 26.3% are single and have never married or been in a registered same sex partnership, 9.5% are separated or divorced. There are 14,307 widowed people living in Stoke-on-Trent.

The top occupations listed by people in Stoke-on-Trent are Elementary 16.0%, Skilled trades 14.4%, Elementary administration and service 13.8%, Caring, leisure and other service 11.0%, Process, plant and machine operatives 11.0%, Sales and customer service 10.9%, Professional 10.5%, Administrative and secretarial 9.9%, Associate professional and technical 8.9%, Caring personal service 8.9%.

Health

Local Health Services are readily accessible from Orchard House. There are 4 GP Surgeries less than 2 mile away. The Local Authority employ a designated nurse for the children and young people we care for. The designated Nurse will provide specialist advice and assessment for all looked after children and young people in the Stoke area. There is a local walk in centre just under 1 mile away from the home. There is also plenty of therapeutic services for children and young people in Wallasey that they can be referred to if needed, such as CAMHS.

Policing Neighbourhood

Our local policing team is a group of Staffordshire police officers dedicated to serving our community. The team is made up of officers based in our area (or 'ward'), supported by additional officers from the wider area.

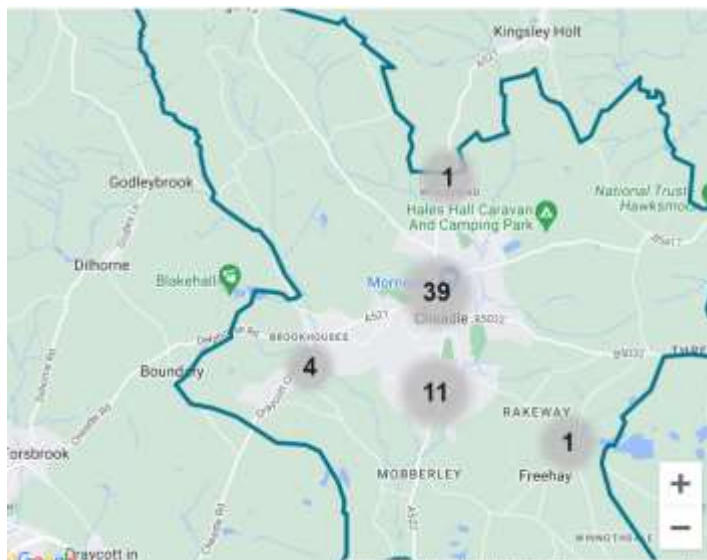
The Policing Team work closely with local authorities, community leaders and residents to decide the policing priorities for the area. This helps the police to find useful, long-term solutions to local problems, while maintaining their wider focus on reducing crime across Stoke-on-Trent.

Our local Police team are:

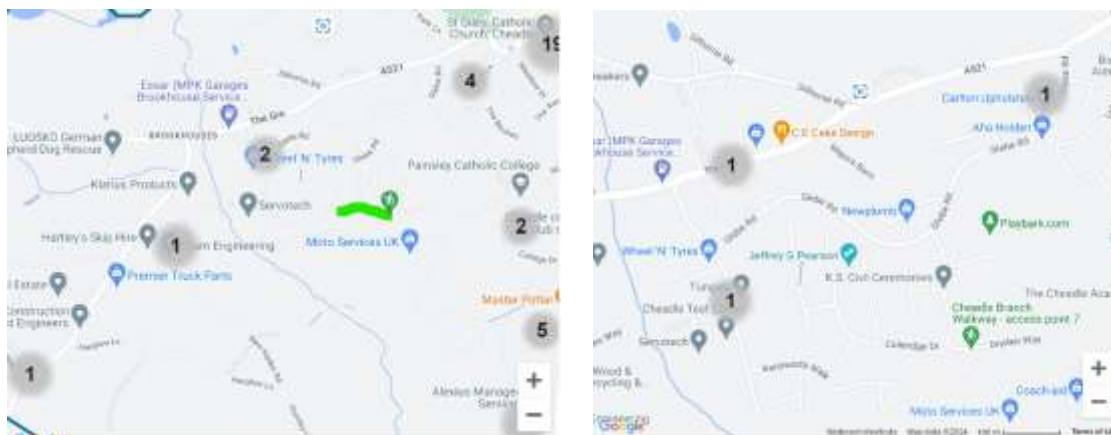
About us	Your team	Policing priorities	Meetings and events	Contact
PCSO Alison Nowicki	PCSO James Moffatt	PCSO Paula Lowndes	SGT Calum Macdonald	
SGT Joel Hurst	SGT John Edwards			

Crime Statistics of Our Area

The map below shows the crime hotspot areas around Coleridge Drive. Orchard house is situated just left of the centre of the map. As you can see from this diagram, out of 56 crimes listed, there are 4 offences quite close to where we are situated.



When you look at the second and third image that has been zoomed in on our area, you will see that Orchard House on Coleridge Drive is highlighted in green on the left diagram. The right diagram shows limited crime around Coleridge Drive.



Most crimes reported near to our area is violence & sexual offences and anti-social behaviour.

The Registered Manager can follow the Community Police on Twitter or through the Staffordshire police website to keep updated on what the police are doing to mitigate against the risks and tackle these priorities.

Schools and Colleges to compare for the Local Area

Listed are the 10 nearest primary schools to Orchard House. St Thomas's Catholic Academy, Forsbrook C of E and St Filumena's would be our preferred choice for the children and young people given the Ofsted Rating, however, should the children and young people not be catholic then Cheadle Primary will be our choice.

Nearest Primary Schools

Listed here are the 10 closest primary schools to Coleridge Drive, Cheadle, Stoke-On-Trent, ST10 1XA. The nearest is Bishop Rawle CofE Primary School, approximately 620 yards away.

Name	Approximate Distance*	Ofsted Rating
Bishop Rawle CofE Primary School	620 yards	★★★★☆
Cheadle Primary School	800 yards	★★★★☆
St Giles Catholic Primary School	850 yards	★★★★☆
Dilthorne Endowed CofE Primary School	1.8 miles	★★★★☆
St Thomas' Catholic Primary School	1.9 miles	★★★★★
Great Wood Community Primary School	2.1 miles	★★★★☆
St Werburgh's CE (A) Primary School	2.6 miles	★★★★☆
Forsbrook CofE Controlled Primary School	2.7 miles	★★★★★
The William Amory Primary School	2.8 miles	★★★★☆
St Filumena's Catholic Primary School	3.2 miles	★★★★★

Listed are the 10 nearest Secondary Schools to Orchard House. Some have no Ofsted Rating so our preferred choice would be The Cheadle Academy.

Nearest Secondary Schools

Listed here are the 10 closest secondary schools to Coleridge Drive, Cheadle, Stoke-On-Trent, ST10 1XA. The nearest is The Cheadle Academy, approximately 380 yards away.

Name	Approximate Distance*	Ofsted Rating
The Cheadle Academy	380 yards	★★★★☆
Painsley Catholic College	540 yards	★★★★☆
Blythe Bridge High School	2.8 miles	★★★★☆
Moorside High School	4.4 miles	★★★★☆
Kinetic Academy	4.4 miles	
Ormiston Meridian Academy	5 miles	★★★★☆
Discovery Academy	5.2 miles	★★★★☆
Denstone College	5.6 miles	
St Thomas More Catholic Academy	6.2 miles	★★★★☆
Ormiston Sir Stanley Matthews Academy	6.9 miles	★★★★☆

Consultation with Appropriate Local Services

The following email has been sent to all agencies listed and responses recorded in the table. This table will be updated whenever we receive any new information or request any when updating the Location Risk Assessment:

Dear

Location Assessment / Report

I will be the registered person for Orchard House Children's Home, 50 Coleridge Drive, Cheadle, Stoke-on-Trent, ST10 1AX. As the registered person, I am required under Regulation 46 of the Children's Home (England) Regulations 2015, to take steps to ensure that children in the care of the home are effectively safeguarded and can access services to meet their needs identified in the care plan or placement plan.

I am contacting a range of local services and would be extremely grateful if you could provide me with any relevant information to assist me in carrying out my duties in this regard. In particular, can you confirm whether your service is aware of any information that might give rise to any concerns for the safety and protection of children cared for at the address above. It would be helpful to me if you could respond under the following headings:

- Risks/Concerns (any risks in the locality that you are aware of relevant to the establishment of a Children's Home in the above location)*
- Mitigations (anything that you feel mitigates against that risk/concern identified above)*

Further, if you have listed any concerns could you please let me have any contact details for the appropriate office in your service so that I can discuss these concerns further which will assist me with taking the appropriate action.

I would be grateful if you could respond in the next 10 working days so that I can progress/review this further. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Yours sincerely

Email Sent to	Date	Time	Response

Completion of Risk Assessments

Risk Matrix

Hazard Rating		Likelihood		Degree of Risk
1. Minor Incident/Injury		1. Unlikely		1-3 Low
2. Serious Incident/Injury	X	2. Possible	=	4-6 Medium
3. Major Incident/Injury/death		3. Probable		7-9 High

Risk Assessment 1

Activity covered by risk assessment: (Overview of risk assessment) Immediate area / security of the building													
Context of / reason for risk assessment: Information for this location and the level of crime in this area has gathered from -www.police.uk/													
Known hazards	Who might be Harmed	Hazard	Likelihood	Degree of risk before control measures			Control measures to eliminate / minimise the risk	Hazard	Likelihood	Degree of risk after control measures			RA review code
				H	M	L				H	M	L	
Violence and Sexual Offences Anti-Social Behaviour	Children & Young People/Staff	2	2		4		The area will pose no risk to our young people with the known hazards listed, as the hotspots for these crimes were not directly listed to Orchard House. We will have regular liaison with the local PCSO. Robust Young Person’s Risk Assessments will be in place. Staff will be trained in all areas to be vigilant, and follow individual risk assessments, and behaviour Management plans in place to minimise these risks. There may be times when young people have independence time and wish to go off on their own. Our young people will be educated about the risks around the area through key worker sessions and discussions. They will have access to a mobile phone which will have credit on and if agreed with the young person, their live location. Young people will be encouraged to keep in touch with staff throughout their time out through phone calls and text messages. If young people fail to do this at given times, then staff will have a look around the local area to ensure their safety. Young people will also be given a code word to use if they feel they are in any danger and text this word to staff.	1	2			2	Low

Risk Assessment 2

Activity covered by risk assessment: (Overview of risk assessment) Accessing Leisure Activities													
Context of / reason for risk assessment: Distances, use of public transport													
Known hazards	Who might be Harmed	Hazard	Likelihood	Degree of risk before control measures			Control measures to eliminate / minimise the risk	Hazard	Likelihood	Degree of risk after control measures			RA review code
				H	M	L				H	M	L	
Stoke-on-Trent has a variety of leisure centres as well as large open spaces within walking distance. As listed in this assessment there are plenty of leisure centres within walking distance to the home.	Children & Young People/Staff	2	1			2	Staff at Orchard House will accompany the children and young people (when needed) on activities and trips to the leisure centre. All young people in the home will have their own bus pass and transport from the home will also be available. Young people may want to attend leisure centres and take part in activities alone or with friends. This would be subject to a Risk Assessment which will take in to account any health issues or learning needs that impact on capacity/ ability, if the young person can swim or have any fears/ phobias for example – Heights. This will inform the advice and guidance provided to the young person and any preparation required before they undertake the activity.	1	1			1	Low

Risk Assessment 3

Activity covered by risk assessment: (Overview of risk assessment) Absconding													
Context of / reason for risk assessment: Nearby train and bus stations													
Known hazards	Who might be Harmed	Hazard	Likelihood	Degree of risk before control measures			Control measures to eliminate / minimise the risk	Hazard	Likelihood	Degree of risk after control measures			RA review code
				H	M	L				H	M	L	
The train station is a fair distance away from the home, however there is a bus stop close by, 325metres.	Children & Young People	3	2		6		Children and young people will be closely supervised by staff on shift. Based on a child/ young person's age, Care Plan and Risk Assessments, appropriate steps will be followed. If there is a risk due to age, cognitive ability or safeguarding and a child/ young person were to attempt to or be successful in absconding by boarding a train then staff are to contact the British Transport Police. Should the young person get on a bus then staff should attempt to get on also or follow behind in a car. Where this is not possible the local bus depot will be informed and communication between staff and them at the home will be ongoing until the young person's whereabouts are established. If the young person is in immediate danger, missing and vulnerable to harm, call 999	2	2		4		Medium

Risk Assessment 4

Activity covered by risk assessment: (Overview of risk assessment) Risk of CSE in the Local Area													
Context of / reason for risk assessment: The home will be looking after Vulnerable children and young people													
Known hazards	Who might be Harmed	Hazard	Likelihood	Degree of risk before control measures			Control measures to eliminate / minimise the risk	Hazard	Likelihood	Degree of risk after control measures			RA review code
				H	M	L				H	M	L	
There are no known current CSE risks identified in our local area. The Registered Manager will regularly liaise with the other Childrens Homes, Local Police and Catch 22 and attend the quarterly Risk Strategy Meetings to continually monitor any potential risks and implement appropriate strategies.	Children & Young People	3	1			3	The Registered manager will liaise with police and use effective intelligence from police in the local area to identify and respond to any risk. Manager will ensure all staff are trained in CSE recognition / issues. The Manager will use the CSE screening tool and referral forms to the Local Authority, MASH & Safeguarding Board in order to share information and safeguard our young people. Where there is an identified risk, the Registered Manager will attend the local MACSE meetings. To further develop young people's knowledge and ability to self-protect in this area a member of the CSE Team would be invited to attend the home and complete a session with the young people if this was deemed appropriate	3	1			3	Low

Risk Assessment 5

Activity covered by risk assessment: (Overview of risk assessment) Risk of Radicalisation in the Local Area													
Context of / reason for risk assessment: The home will be looking after Vulnerable children and young people													
Known hazards	Who might be Harmed	Hazard	Likelihood	Degree of risk before control measures			Control measures to eliminate / minimise the risk	Hazard	Likelihood	Degree of risk after control measures			RA review code
				H	M	L				H	M	L	
There is no current evidence of radicalisation in our local area.	Children & Young People	1	1			1	All staff at the home will undertake Extremism and Radicalisation training as part of their induction. PREVENT training will also be part of our Training Matrix and PREVENT will be invited to a Team Meeting to discuss this issue and afford staff to ask questions	1	1			1	Low

Analysis

Advantages of the home's location	Disadvantages of the home's location
Close to Local Amenities	Violence & Sexual Offences & Anti-Social Behaviour (although not directly near to the home itself)
Close to Leisure Centres	Easy access to buses
Not in an isolated area	
Plenty of activities available locally	
Easy access to buses	

Working together to Manage Risks

Acknowledgements

I have read and understood the above Location Assessment. I understand the risks and strategies to reduce the risk and I am aware of my responsibility in meeting these actions. I am aware that these strategies have been cross referenced into the young person's Placement Plan where appropriate to do so.

Name	Designation	Signature	Date

Review of Assessment

Home's Location Assessments should be reviewed at least annually in line with Children's Home (England) Regulations 2015, Regulation 46: 46 (1) The registered person must review the appropriateness and suitability of the location of the premises used for the purposes of the children's home at least once in each calendar year considering the requirement in regulation 12(2)(c) (the protection of children standard). (2) When conducting the review, the registered person must consult, and consider the views of, each relevant person. This document will reflect any changes to the initial assessment and will be signed below.

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