



Services to People

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Dear Director of Children's Services,

Services available to Looked After Children placed in Stockport by another Local Authority

We are writing to tell you about the services and resources that Stockport Council and our partners are able to provide to Looked After Children who have been placed in Stockport by another Local Authority. This letter includes useful information about accessing local universal services as well as some information regarding more specialist services. Please share this information with the team/individuals that make placement decisions in your local area.

Consultation and notifications

In line with the 2021 amendments to the Care Planning, Placement and Case Review (England) Regulations, if you are planning to place a child or young person in Stockport from another Local Authority which is 'at a distance' you should consult with children's services in the area of placement. The regulation stipulates that every out of authority placement will require effective planning, engagement and information sharing with services likely to be responsible for meeting the child's needs. The following contact information should support you in making your decision to place.

Once a decision is made to place a child in Stockport, notification of the details should be uploaded to our secure webpages <http://www.stockport.gov.uk/childplacement> which will allow you to notify us of a child placement, change of address or discharge.

Stockport as a Location

Stockport is part of the conurbation of Greater Manchester (GM), situated approximately 8 miles south east of Manchester and on the edge of the Peak District National Park and Cheshire Plain. The M60 Manchester Orbital Motorway passes through Stockport close to the town centre at junctions 1 and 27 providing access to the Greater Manchester towns and authorities as well as the wider national motorway network. The A6 trunk road provides direct access to Manchester city centre to the north.

Rail services from Stockport take approximately 10 minutes to Manchester Piccadilly, 1 hour 30 minutes to Birmingham New Street and 2 hours to London Euston. Manchester International is the nearest airport, located approximately 7 miles to the south west.

Economic Context

Stockport is home to a highly skilled and productive labour force with almost a third of working age residents qualified to a degree level or equivalent, which has helped establish Stockport as a leading business location. Affluence is not spread evenly across the Borough, with significant pockets of deprivation in neighbourhoods including Brinnington, Lancashire Hill, Adswold, Bridgehall and the town centre. For information about levels of deprivation, Ward Profiles and Borough Census see the following site: www.mystockport.org.uk For JSNA information see the following site: <http://www.stockportjsna.org.uk/>

For information on the new *One Stockport* initiative supported by and delivered in partnership with representatives from Stockport's many communities please see the website: www.onestockport.co.uk/

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Stockport's LAC Sufficiency Strategy can be found on the Council website www.stockport.gov.uk/placements-for-looked-after-children Within Stockport you should be aware that there are a large number of residential homes. There are currently 34 registered childrens homes in the Borough with over 160 beds available.

More information about GM placements and sufficiency can be found here:

<https://greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/young-people/childrens-sufficiency-observatory/>

There are four regional framework contracts relating to external placements which include:

- North West Flexible Purchasing System for Foster Care 2018
- North West Flexible Purchasing System – for Residential Providers 2018
- North West Supported and Independent Living Dynamic Purchasing System 2020
- North West SEND Flexible Purchasing System 2020

Placements North West is the regional organisation holding information about all external providers in the North West. Contact placementsnorthwest@bolton.gov.uk for regional information.

Other sources of information and intelligence:

Stockport Children's Social Care Website <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/topic/keeping-children-safe>

Please see links to the [Childcare and Family Information Directory](#). The Family Information Directory provides details of support for children and young people aged 0-25. This includes links to childcare and nursery provision. All looked after children aged 2, 3 or 4 are entitled to 15 hours per week of free early education. The Early Years Service can offer advice and guidance. Contact: eypt@stockport.gov.uk or call 0161 474 2345.

The Local Offer Directory also provides details of the support and services for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabled (SEND) Children. If you would like any information or advice about special educational provision, please email sen@stockport.gov.uk or call 0161 474 2525

Stockport's Co-production Charter has been co-produced with families, children, young people and health, care and education colleagues and can be found here:

<https://stockport.fsd.org.uk/kb5/stockport/fsd/site.page?id=nudlaU2nLlw>

The Outcomes Framework also sets out our vision for Stockport children:

https://stockport.fsd.org.uk/kb5/stockport/fsd/advice.page?id=refl_wFOjT0Details of local schools:
<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/find-your-catchment-area>

14-19 education and training: <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/topic/education-and-training-14-19>

To discuss details of admissions and transfer to Stockport schools contact our school admissions team: admissions.support@stockport.gov.uk The Virtual School is a cross phase provision for 3-18 years: <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/virtual-school-for-children-in-care> For further information, call 0161 474 4714 or email virtualschoolteam@stockport.gov.uk

Stockport Youth Justice and Targeted Youth Service works closely with other local authorities and local accommodation providers to ensure that children in care living in Stockport receive the supervision and support they need while placed away from their home area. <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/youth-offending-service> or tel 0161 474 4744 or email stock.yot@stockport.gov.uk.

Details of the CAMHS services can be found Stockport Councils website:

<https://www.penninecare.nhs.uk/services/types/children-and-young-peoples-mental-health> or

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<http://healthyyoungmindspennine.nhs.uk/> Tel: 0161 716 5868. HYMS Services provided to children and young people placed into Stockport will be charged by NBT CCHP to the placing authority or Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

Specialist health services for LAC are provided by Looked after Children's Nursing Team. All health assessments for children in care placed in Stockport can be requested through the Nurse Team on 0161 217 6964 or by email: snt-tr.stockportlac@nhs.net. Charges for health assessments will be made to the placing authority or Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) in line with the national tariff.

Free and confidential advice, information, counselling and sexual health services for young people aged 11 to 25 http://www.thenorthernsexualhealth.co.uk/Our-clinics#SK1_1HG or Tel: 0161 2045888

MOSAIC Young People's Drug and Alcohol Services for 25 and under, provide drug and alcohol treatment as well as support <https://stockport.fsd.org.uk/kb5/stockport/fsd/service.page?id=C5xgX4PNvUA>. You can contact MOSAIC on 0161 218 1100 or mosaic@stockport.gov.uk for confidential advice and support.

The Children in Care Council (CICC) is a group where young people in care can have their say on the issues that matter to them. <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/groups/children-in-care-council>

Email: cicc@stockport.gov.uk

For information about crime statistics based on individual postcode searches www.crime-statistics.co.uk

For information about Stockport Safeguarding Board www.safeguardingchildreninstockport.org.uk

Stockport Missing From Home (MFH) Hub complete return to home interviews for ALL young people placed within the Stockport Borough apart for those placed by Manchester, Bury, Cheshire East/West and Tameside. These authorities commission an independent service to complete these return interviews.

Stockport MFH Hub also complete return interviews for Stockport children placed within the GM area. If the missing report is called to Stockport police the MFH hub will automatically be alerted to this episode via the Police OPUS system and the team will make contact with the carer to arrange an appointment to have a chat with young person when they have returned. Contact: mfh@stockport.gov.uk

If you require any further information about Stockport and services available to young people, please email child.commissioning@stockport.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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