

SC386837

Registered provider: New Horizons (Stockport) Limited

Assurance inspection

Inspected under the social care common inspection framework

Information about this children's home

This home is privately run and provides care for up to two children who experience social and emotional difficulties. At the time of this inspection, two children were living at the home.

The manager registered with Ofsted in March 2009.

Inspection date: 19 November 2025

Date of last inspection: 8 April 2025

Judgement at last inspection: good

Enforcement action since last inspection: none

Information about this inspection

At this inspection, the inspector evaluated:

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

The inspector has 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'.

This inspection was carried out to address specific concerns received by Ofsted.

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.

One child has moved into the home since the last inspection. Although this move was arranged quickly to prevent the child from remaining in an unregulated provision, the manager ensured that all relevant information was gathered from professionals to ensure that the child's needs could be met.

Both children have education placements. The manager responds quickly to address any barriers to children's learning. This has included supporting children to change college courses swiftly and challenging education professionals on some of their strategies that were impacting on children's attendance.

Children are supported to maintain relationships with their families. Staff understand the importance of these relationships for children. The manager and staff work closely with professionals and children's families to ensure that family visits take place when these are safe and beneficial to the children.

There has been an increase in concerns for children since the last inspection, mostly relating to a change in peer group. Incidents have included children not returning home and becoming involved in criminal activity. The manager has implemented strategies to disrupt these relationships. Staff continue to encourage the children to make positive decisions and speak to them about the impact of their choices.

Staff understand children's individual risks and act appropriately whenever there is a concern. They are guided by children's plans, which are regularly reviewed and updated. Staff refer appropriate concerns to the police for their support and work closely with them to safeguard children. However, on one occasion, staff did not act quickly enough to prevent a significant incident where a child received minor injuries.

When there are concerns for children's welfare, the manager ensures that they share information with other professionals in a timely and appropriate manner. The manager requests necessary meetings and referrals and escalates the need for these if they are not arranged.

Staff say that they feel supported by the manager and have the skills needed to support the children. They receive regular and reflective supervision alongside team meetings. They also receive support from the provider's clinical psychologist.

The manager is experienced and committed. They actively seek the necessary support that the children need and will challenge decisions made if they are felt not to be in the children's best interests.

Recent inspection history

Inspection date	Inspection type	Inspection judgement
08/04/2025	Full	Good
28/05/2024	Full	Requires improvement to be good
14/03/2023	Full	Inadequate
13/01/2022	Full	Good

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

Statutory requirements

This section sets out the actions that the registered person(s) must take to meet the Care Standards Act 2000, The Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the 'Guide to the Children's Homes Regulations, including the quality standards'. The registered person(s) must comply within the given timescales.

Requirement	Due date
The protection of children standard is that children are protected from harm and enabled to keep themselves safe. In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure— that staff— assess whether each child is at risk of harm, taking into account information in the child's relevant plans, and, if necessary, make arrangements to reduce the risk of any harm to the child; have the skills to identify and act upon signs that a child is at risk of harm; understand the roles and responsibilities in relation to protecting children that are assigned to them by the registered person; and take effective action whenever there is a serious concern about a child's welfare. (Regulation 12 (1) (2)(a)(i)(iii)(v)(vi)) The registered person must ensure that staff take the action necessary to reduce the risk of serious harm to the child and/or others.	5 December 2025

Children's home details

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Provision sub-type: Children's home

Registered provider: New Horizons (Stockport) Limited

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Registered manager: Amie Evans

Inspector

Kerri Lynch, Social Care Inspector

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