



Location Risk Assessment

Details of Home & Location

Bluebelle House

23 Yoxhall Drive

Kirkby

Liverpool

L33 4HS

Overview

Bluebelle House is a proposed Residential Family Centre (RFC) designed to provide assessment and support to families in a safe and structured environment. The centre will accommodate families with a combination of private spaces and shared communal areas, ensuring a balance between independent family life and professional supervision.

The facility will offer:

- Private family accommodation, including bedrooms, bathrooms, two living areas, kitchen facilities and an outside space.
- Communal spaces will be used for parenting support and activities.
- 24/7 staff presence to provide guidance, safeguarding, and support to families undergoing assessment.
- On-site security measures, including controlled entry, visitor logs, and CCTV monitoring in all areas for safeguarding purposes.

The purpose of Bluebelle House is to assess and support parents in developing the skills and capacity needed to provide safe and nurturing care for their children. The centre operates under regulatory requirements and works in partnership with local authorities and safeguarding agencies.

Risk Assessment

1. Suitability of the Local Area for Vulnerable Families

Risk	Degree of Risk	Observations and Mitigation Measures
Crime levels in the local area and potential exposure to anti-social behaviour	Moderate	Crime data for the area indicates a mix of residential and commercial spaces. While some crime exists, it is in line with other urban locations. Bluebelle House will have secure entry systems, staff presence, and local police collaboration to mitigate risks.
Potential for families to be targeted for exploitation or abuse	Moderate	Vulnerable families may be at risk of coercion or manipulation. Bluebelle House will provide on-site safeguarding policies, risk assessments, and individualised family safety planning in collaboration with safeguarding teams.
Suitability of the community for parents and children	Low	The local area has good access to schools, healthcare, parks, and community resources, making it suitable for family life. Families will be supported in accessing these services.

2. Access to essential services and community resources

Service Type	Available Local Services
Education	Local Primary and secondary schools are within a short Distance including nurseries for young children. Families will be encouraged to enrol children in education as part of the assessment process.
Healthcare	GP Practices, walk in centres and mental health services (including CAMHS) are accessible. The centre will facilitate healthcare access for all families.
Public transport	Bus routes and train services connect the area to wider Merseyside, allowing easy access for family outings, appointments and supervised contact visits.

Community	Family centres, food banks, domestic abuse support services and parenting groups are available throughout the borough. Staff will signpost families to families where appropriate.
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3. Environmental Hazards and safety measures

Environmental Risk	Mitigation Strategy
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Busy Roads	Bluebelle house is located in a residential area controlled with pedestrian crossings and traffic calming measures. Families will receive guidance on road safety.
Public Spaces	Family will be supported to engage in the local community safely, with supervised outings when required. Any concerns raised will be assessed as part of a safeguarding approach in line with our safeguarding policy.
Perimeter Security	The property will feature secure boundaries, visitor monitoring and staff oversight to ensure a safe environment for residents.

Environmental / Physical Hazard	Mitigation Strategy
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Flood Risk	Minimal flood risk – Flood Zone 1. Routine drainage maintenance.
Air Quality	Good indoor air quality maintained.
Traffic Safety	Low traffic, residential street. Staff ensuring road safety protocols.

4. Safeguarding and Supervision Policies

- 24/7 Staff Supervision: Staff will be on-site at all times to provide support, monitor well-being, and intervene if necessary.
- CCTV Monitoring: Security cameras will be installed in all areas.
- Controlled Access: Only authorised visitors will be permitted entry, and all visits will be logged.
- Multi-Agency Safeguarding Approach: The centre will collaborate with police, social services, and health professionals to ensure child protection remains a priority.

5. Consultation with Local Agencies

Prior to opening, Bluebelle House will engage with:

- Local Police – to discuss community safety measures and crime prevention strategies.
- Children's Services – to align the centre's policies with safeguarding best practices.
- Community Organisations – to ensure families can integrate into local services and support networks.

Risk Analysis and Mitigation

- Anti-social behaviour: Secure CCTV, external lighting, and good relationships with local police and neighbours.
- Violence and sexual offences: Secure entrance systems, visitor policies, and 24/7 staff presence.
- Drugs-related offences: Strict safeguarding policies, no unauthorised visitors, and routine police liaison.

Crime and Community Safety

Crime Type	Reported Incidents (November 2024)
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Anti-social Behaviour	7
Burglary	1
Criminal Damage/arson	4
Drug related offences	1
Other theft	1
Possession of weapons	11
Public order offences	1
Violence and sexual offences	11

Links to local services - Local Children's Centre's

The Star Centre	0.6 miles
The Pride Centre	2.2 miles

Other essential services

Service	Location	Distance
Police Station	Kirkby Police Station	1.9 miles
Fire Station	Kirkby Fire Station	1.8 miles
Hospital (A&E)	Aintree Hospital	4.2 miles
GP Surgery	Tower Hill Medical Centre	0.5 miles
Supermarket	Tesco Express	1.8 miles
Bus Stop	Ebony Way	0.5 miles
Train Station	Headbolt Station	0.6 miles

Conclusion

Bluebelle House is well positioned to provide a safe, structured and supportive environment for families undergoing assessment.

The location offers access to essential services including education, healthcare and community support, whilst also implementing robust risk management strategies to safeguard vulnerable parents and children.

With comprehensive supervision, safeguarding measures and links to local agencies, Bluebelle House will effectively manage potential risks while promoting optimal outcomes for families.