



LOCATION RISK ASSESSMENT
REGULATION 46
ELM TREE HOUSE

LOCATION ASSESMENT, REGULATION 46	
Name of Children's Home	Elm Tree House
Address of Children's Home	118 Ribblers Lane, Southdene, Kirkby, L32 7RB
Ofsted URN Number	
Company Name	Acorns to Oaks Children's Care & Support
Registered Manager	
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RM Telephone	
Responsible Individual	
RI Email	
RI Telephone	

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Introduction

Elm Tree House is a purpose built home based in Kirkby. The home is a large 6-bedroom house which will be home to 4 children and young people.

Caring for the Children and Young People

Elm Tree House will provide a high level of care for up to 4 children and young people between the ages of 7 and 17 years. Elm Tree 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.

Elm Tree 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. Elm Tree 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 Elm Tree 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

Elm Tree House is situated in Kirkby. Kirkby is a town within the Metropolitan Borough of Knowsley, in Merseyside, England, commonly known as Knowsley Village. Historically part of Lancashire, at the 2001 Census it had a population of 11,343. It gave its name to the wider borough when it was formed in 1974.

Safeguarding

Knowsley Safeguarding Children Partnership (KSCP) is an independent statutory body responsible for ensuring that individuals and organisations work effectively together to safeguard children in Knowsley. KSCP is made up of representatives from a range of organisations, who work closely with children and families.

The board closely monitors and evaluates the work of organisations that engage with children and offer advice and guidance on safeguarding practices, policies, and procedures. Part of their strategic approach involves the evaluation of past cases and experiences and tailoring their work to ensure lessons are learnt from these.

Any safeguarding issues will immediately be referred to the KSCP. The staff at the home will receive full training in Safeguarding children, ensuring that they fully utilize the local procedures and those of placing authorities.

The KSCP have been consulted as an element of this location risk assessment and requested to provide any relevant information regarding local safeguarding risks that Elm Tree House should be aware of, and which requires action.

Staffing numbers and ratios are high at the home and for younger children all activities off-site are accompanied by staff. Potential risks from child sexual exploitation are assessed and risk managed. There are common vulnerability factors in children and young people that can lead to them being more likely to be exposed to sexual exploitation, and common signs and behaviours displayed by those who are already being sexually exploited. The following are typical vulnerabilities in children prior to abuse:

- Living in a chaotic or dysfunctional household (including parental substance use, domestic violence, parental mental health issues, parental criminality)
- History of abuse (including familial child sexual abuse, risk of forced marriage, risk of 'honour'-based violence, physical and emotional abuse and neglect)
- Recent bereavement or loss
- Gang association either through relatives, peers or intimate relationships (in cases of gang associated CSE only)
- Attending school with young people who are sexually exploited
- Learning disabilities
- Unsure about their sexual orientation or unable to disclose sexual orientation to their families
- Friends with young people who are sexually exploited
- Homeless
- Lacking friends from the same age group
- Living in a gang neighbourhood
- Living in residential care
- Living in hostel, bed and breakfast accommodation or a foyer
- Low self-esteem or self-confidence
- Young carer

The following signs and behaviour are generally seen in children who are already being sexually exploited:

- Missing from home or care
- Physical injuries
- Drug or alcohol misuse
- Involvement in offending
- Repeat sexually transmitted infections, pregnancy, and terminations
- Absent from school
- Change in physical appearance
- Evidence of sexual bullying and/or vulnerability through the internet and/or social networking sites
- Estranged from their family
- Receipt of gifts from unknown sources
- Recruiting others into exploitative situations
- Poor mental health
- Self-harm
- Thoughts of or attempts at suicide

Any child displaying several vulnerabilities from the above lists should be considered to be at high risk of sexual exploitation. However, children without pre-existing vulnerabilities can still be sexually exploited so any child showing risk indicators in the second list, but none of the vulnerabilities in the first list, should also be considered as a potential victim.

The CSE Protocol [Multi Agency CSE Protocol](#) sets out the multi-agency procedure for tackling child sexual exploitation in Knowsley and across Cheshire and Merseyside. The protocol details how through the multi-agency child sexual exploitation (MACSE) meetings we can work together to reduce the harm poised to children and young people from CSE.

The CSE strategy [Pan Cheshire/Merseyside Protocol](#) document contains guidance for professionals about CSE including signs and indicators, push and pull factors, trafficking, use of language and dangers of labelling etc.

The above documents will be made available to staff at the home to familiarise themselves with the protocols.

Our assessment is that high levels of support in and away from the home, provided for children and young people, their relatively high needs and levels of vulnerability will result in risks being robustly assessed and minimised. The location of the home itself does not present an unwarranted level of personal safeguarding risks to children and young people living at Elm Tree House.

County Lines and Criminal Exploitation

What is County Lines?

‘County Lines’ is a term used when drug gangs from big cities expand their operations to smaller towns, often using violence to drive out local dealers and exploiting children and vulnerable people to sell drugs. These dealers will use dedicated mobile phone lines, known as ‘deal lines’, to take orders from drug users. Heroin, cocaine, and crack cocaine are the most common drugs being supplied and ordered. In most instances, the users or customers will live in a different area to where the dealers and networks are based, so drug runners are needed to transport the drugs and collect payment.

Exploitation of Young and Vulnerable People

A common feature in county lines drug supply is the exploitation of young and vulnerable people. The dealers will frequently target children and adults – often with mental health or addiction problems – to act as drug runners or move cash so they can stay under the radar of law enforcement.

In some cases the dealers will take over a local property, normally belonging to a vulnerable person, and use it to operate their criminal activity from. This is known as cuckooing. People exploited in this way will quite often be exposed to physical, mental and sexual abuse, and in some instances will be trafficked to areas a long way from home as part of the network’s drug dealing business.

As we have seen in child sexual exploitation, children often don’t see themselves as victims or realise they have been groomed to get involved in criminality. So, it’s important that we all play our part to understand county lines and speak out if we have concerns.

[Here are some signs to look out for that can suggest that someone you know might be involved in county lines activity:](#)

- Are they always going missing from school or their home?

- Are they travelling alone to places far away from home?
- Do they suddenly have lots of money / lots of new clothes / new mobile phones?
- Are they receiving much more calls or texts than usual?
- Are they carrying or selling drugs?
- Are they carrying weapons or know people that have access to weapons?
- Are they in a relationship with or hanging out with someone/people that are older and controlling?
- Do they have unexplained injuries?
- Do they seem very reserved or seem like they have something to hide?
- Do they seem scared?
- Are they self-harming?

How do you know if County Lines drug dealing is happening in your area?

Some signs to look out for include:

- An increase in visitors and cars to a house or flat
- New faces appearing at the house or flat
- New and regularly changing residents (e.g., different accents compared to local accent)
- Change in residents' mood and / or demeanour (e.g., secretive / withdrawn/ aggressive/ emotional)
- Substance misuse and/or drug paraphernalia
- Changes in the way young people might know dress
- Unexplained, sometimes unaffordable new things (e.g., clothes, jewellery, cars etc.)
- Residents or young people you know going missing, maybe for long periods of time
- Young people seen in different cars / taxis driven by unknown adults
- Young people seeming unfamiliar with your community or where they are
- Truancy, exclusion, disengagement from school
- An increase in anti-social behaviour in the community
- Unexplained injuries

What to do if you have concerns

The best advice is to trust your instincts. Even if someone isn't involved in county lines drug dealing, they may be being exploited in some other way, so it's always worth speaking out. You can speak to your local police by dialling **101**, or in an emergency **999**.

If you would rather remain anonymous, you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**.

If you notice something linked to the railways, you can report concerns to the British Transport Police by texting **61016** from your mobile. In an emergency dial **999**.

If you are a young person who is worried about your involvement, or a friend's involvement in county lines; a good option is to speak to an adult you trust and talk to them about your concerns.

You can also call Childline on **0800 1111**. Childline is private and confidential service where you can talk to specially trained counsellors about anything that is worrying you.

Alternatively, speak to a children and young people's service like [Catch 22](#). They work with children and young people of any age to help get them out of situations they're worried about and have helped lots of children and young people involved in County Lines.

[Law enforcement response](#)

Tackling county lines, and the supply gangs responsible for high levels of violence, exploitation and abuse of vulnerable adults and children, is a priority for UK law enforcement.

Law enforcement collectively has been stepping up its response, working to identify and take effective action in areas of the country with the most significant problems.

To enhance the law enforcement response still further, a multi-agency county lines coordination centre has been established, bringing together officers from the NCA, police and regional organised crime units to develop the national intelligence picture, prioritise action against the most serious offenders, and engage with partners across government, including in the health, welfare and education spheres, to tackle the wider issues.

In addition to helping the NCA and policing partners to work together more effectively and deliver a more comprehensive response to the county lines threat, the centre will assist the development of a whole-system, multi-agency approach which is vital to ensuring that vulnerable people are identified and safeguarded, understanding factors behind demand for drugs, and recovering proceeds of crime.

[Further information:](#)

If a child or young person is at risk of harm, abuse or neglect please report it to the Knowsley Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) (**0151 443 2600**) 9.00am-5.00pm Monday to Friday.

Outside of these hours please call The Emergency Duty Team on **0151 443 2600**. In an emergency always dial **999**.

The [Knowsley Multi-Agency Referral Form](#) (MARF online referral form) can be used by professionals only to refer children and young people into MASH.

[National Crime Agency](#)

[Childline](#)

[Missing People](#)

[Accessibility of Local Services and positive features of the location](#)

Within 2 miles of Elm Tree House there is a local tourist attraction, Croxteth Country Hall Park, and a showcase cinema.

1 mile away from the home there is a lifestyles leisure centre which boasts a gym and swimming pool.

Knowsley Safari Park is 3.8 miles away from the home and will be a good day out for the children and young people.

Other attractions near by are that of the Liverpool world museum at 5.6 miles away. Liverpool Albert Dock is 6.4 miles away and has a variety of different amenities.

Further away from the home but still easily accessible is Chester Zoo and Cheshire Oaks retail shopping.

The nearest train station to the home is 1.5 miles away.

Public Transport

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

Distance (IN MILES)	Station Name (TRAIN OPERATOR)	Town/City (NEAREST)
1.5MILES	Kirkby (Merseyside) Train Station Merseyrail	Knowsley
2MILES	Fazakerley Train Station Merseyrail	Liverpool
2.9MILES	Aintree Train Station Merseyrail	Sefton
3MILES	Old Roan Train Station Merseyrail	Sefton
3.2MILES	Orrell Park Train Station Merseyrail	Liverpool
3.2MILES	Rice Lane Train Station Merseyrail	Liverpool
3.2MILES	Maghull Train Station Merseyrail	Sefton
3.3MILES	Walton (Merseyside) Train Station Merseyrail	Liverpool
4.1MILES	Wavertree Technology Park Train Station Northern Rail	Liverpool
4.2MILES	Roby Train Station Northern Rail	Knowsley
4.3MILES	Broad Green Train Station Northern Rail	Liverpool

Nearest bus stops to L32 7RB		
Heskin Walk (Heskin Road)	Southdene	154m
Heskin Road (Ravenhead Avenue)	Southdene	186m
Heskin Road (Ravenhead Avenue)	Southdene	191m
Cawthorne Ave (Cawthorne Avenue)	Southdene	352m
Cawthorne Ave (Cawthorne Avenue)	Southdene	359m

Map of Local Services

HEALTH			
Service	Address	Telephone No. / Email	Distance
GP	St Laurence's Medical Centre 32 Leaside Avenue Liverpool Merseyside L32 9QU	0151 2444530	0.5 miles
Optician	Specsavers 21 St Chads Parade Kirkby Shopping Centre L32 8RD	0151 5455310	1.5 miles
Dentist	Mr G Shoham BDS 17 Carlis Road Southdene L32 6QS		0.5 miles
A & E	Aintree University Hospital Lower Lane Fazakerley L9 7AL		2 miles
Walk-In Centre	Aintree University Hospital Lower Lane Fazakerley L9 7AL		2 miles
CAMHS	Young People and Families' wellbeing hub Knowsley Resource and Recovery Centre Whiston Hospital Prescot L35 5DR	0151 4896137	6.5 miles
Sexual Health	Knowsley Contraceptive and Sexual Health Service St Chads Drive Kirkby Merseyside L32 8RE	0151 2443580	1.5 miles
Drugs & Alcohol	Engage Knowsley Unit 7 Deacon Park Moorgate Road Kirkby L33 7RX	0151 5469557	1.4 miles
Pharmacy	Rowlands Chemist 17 Broad Lane Kirkby L32 6QA	0151 5466016	0.3 miles

EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Service	Address	Telephone No. / Email	Distance
Police Station	Merseyside Police Marsh Lane Police Station Bootle L21 5BW	0151 7773838	4.5 miles
Fire Station	Kirkby Community Fire Station 20 Webster-Drive L32 8SJ	0151 2965505	1.5 miles
Ambulance Station	Kirkby 42 Webster Drive L32 8SL		1.5 miles

PLACES OF WORSHIP			
Service	Address	Telephone No. / Email	Distance
C of E Church	St Paul the Apostle Delabole Road L11 6LG	0151 5489009	0.7 miles
RC Church	St Laurence Lydbury Crescent L32 9RH	0151 5464247	0.6 miles
Methodist Chapel	Northwood Chapel Bigdale Drive	0151 2923846	1.2 mile
Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall	Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness James Holt Avenue L32 5TD	0151 2287515	2 miles
Hindu Temple	Liverpool Ganesh Temple 13 Delfby Crescent L32 8TN	0151 5467611	1.6 miles
Jewish Synagogue	Liverpool Reform Synagogue 28 Church Road North Liverpool L15 6TF	07729 562174	12.3 miles
Muslim Mosque	Abdullah Quilliam Society 8-10 Brougham Terrace Liverpool L6 1AE	0151 2603986	6.5 miles

LEISURE & ACTIVITIES			
Service	Address	Telephone No. / Email	Distance
Park	Millbrook Millennium Green 78 Kirkby Row L32 0TQ		2 miles
Leisure Centre	Leisure Club @ Suites Hotel Ribblers Lane		812m
Youth Centre	Centre 63 Old Hall Lane L32 5TH	0151 5491494	2 miles
Bowling	Hollywood Bowl Liverpool Retail Park Edge Lane Montrose Way Old Swan L13 1EW	0844 8261464	11.9 miles
Cinema	Showcase Cinema East Lancashire Road Liverpool L11 9YJ	0871 2201000	1.4 miles
Horse Riding	Gellings Farm School Lane Prescot L34 9GY	0151 5489595	1.3 miles
Singing Music	Aintree School of Music Old Presbytery Aintree Lane Aintree L10 2JJ	0151 5316821	5.3 miles

Ethnic Group

The population of L32 7RB identifies themselves as 97% white, 1% Asian, 1% mixed and 0% Black. There are more people classed as 'white' in Knowsley than the UK-wide average, which the Census 2011 recorded at 87.1%.



White	97%
Mixed	1%
Asian	1%
Black	0%
Other	0%

Religious Makeup

The Religious make up of Knowsley is 80.90% Christian, 12.50% No Religion, 0.30% Muslim, 0.20% Hindu, 0.10% Buddhist, and 6.00% other.



1. Christian	80.90%
2. No religion	12.50%
3. Muslim	0.30%
4. Hindu	0.20%
5. Buddhist	0.10%
6. Other	6.00%

8,335 people did not state a religion. 180 people identified as a Jedi Knight and 7 people said they believe in Heavy Metal.

39.2% of people are married, 10.2% cohabit with a member of the opposite sex, 0.6% live with a partner of the same sex, 32.3% are single and have never married or been in a registered same sex partnership, 9.3% are separated or divorced. There are 7,825 widowed people living in Knowsley.

The top occupations listed by people in Knowsley are Administrative and secretarial 13.4%, Elementary 12.6%, Caring, leisure and other service 11.9%, Professional 11.7%, Skilled trades 11.4%, Sales and customer service 11.2%, Elementary administration and service 10.6%, Process, plant and machine operatives 10.6%, Administrative 10.5%, Associate professional and technical 10.0%.

Health

Local Health Services are readily accessible from Elm Tree House. There are six GP Surgeries less than 1 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 Knowsley area. There is a local hospital just over a mile away from the home. There is also plenty of therapeutic services for children and young people in Knowsley that they can be referred to if needed, such as CAMHS.

Policing Neighbourhood

Our local policing team is a group of Merseyside 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 Merseyside.

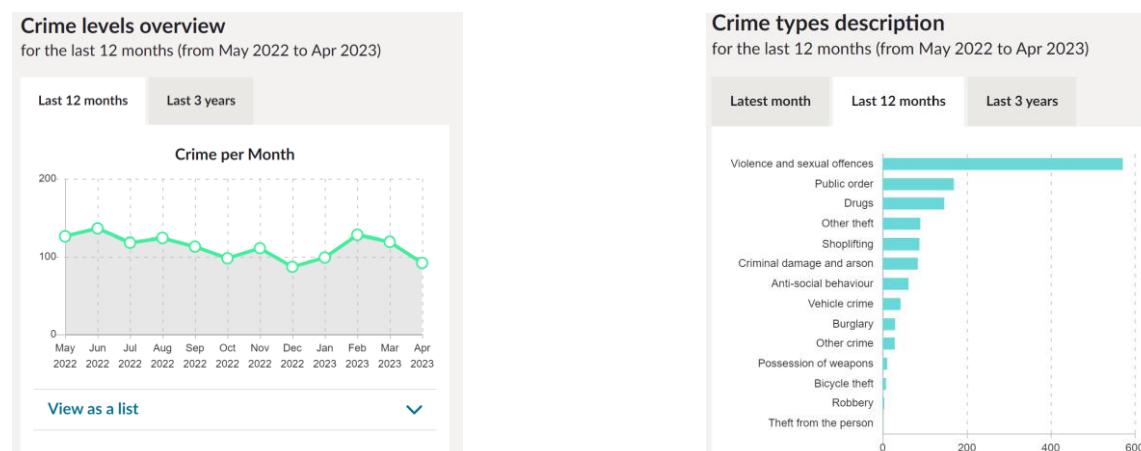
The Inspector for our area is Inspector David Morgan.

Crime Statistics of Our Area

The map below shows the crime hotspot areas around L32 7RB. Elm Tree house is situated along the highlighted green line on Ribblers Lane. This shows that we are at an area where, although hotspots are nearby, they are not directly near to the home.



When comparing the crime statistics from May 2022 to April 2023, you can see that it is up and down over the months. It drastically moves down in December 2022 but then raises up again from January 2023, taking another dip in April 2023.



Most crimes reported near to our area is violence and sexual offences, public order and drugs.

The Registered Manager can follow the Knowsley's Community Police on Twitter or through the Merseyside 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

Comparison of Primary Schools located within 1 mile of Elm Tree House. From the data shown, you can see that Park Brow Community Primary School have the better average of progression in Reading, Writing and Maths. Park Brow Community and St Joseph the Worker would be our school of choice for the young people living in our home.

School name	Type of school	Number of pupils at the end of key stage 2	% of pupils meeting expected standard	Progress score & description			% of pupils achieving at a higher standard	Average score in reading	Average score in maths
				Reading	Writing	Maths			
St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School	Maintained school	30	73%	Above average 2.3	Average -0.3	Average 1.7	3%	105	105
Remove				?	?	?			
Park Brow Community Primary School	Maintained school	59	71%	Well above average 3.8	Above average 1.5	Well above average 3.7	17%	106	106
Remove				?	?	?			
St Laurence's Catholic Primary School	Maintained school	50	66%	Average 0.9	Average -0.3	Average 0.7	4%	104	104
Remove				?	?	?			
Our Lady and St Swithin's Catholic Primary School	Maintained school	30	57%	Average 1.8	Average 1.6	Average 0.6	10%	103	103
Remove				?	?	?			

Comparison of Secondary Schools located within 1 mile of Elm Tree House. As you can see from the data below. There is only 1 school within a 1-mile radius of the home, the other 5 are over 2 miles away and one is a specialist school. St John Bosco Arts College would be our school of choice for the young people living in our home.

School name	Type of school	Number of pupils at end of key stage 4	Progress 8		Entering EBacc	Staying in education or entering employment (2017 leavers)	Grade 5 or above in English & maths GCSEs	Attainment 8 score	EBacc average point score
			Number of pupils included in this measure	Score & description					
St John Bosco Arts College	Maintained school	119	109	Average 0.21	52%	92% (99 of 108 pupils)	39%	46.9	3.85
✖ Remove									
Archbishop Beck Catholic College	Maintained school	166	166	Below average -0.42	28%	89% (153 of 171 pupils)	26%	41.5	3.31
✖ Remove									
All Saints Catholic High School	Maintained school	143	142	Well below average -0.56	4%	87% (126 of 145 pupils)	20%	36.6	2.83
✖ Remove									
Bank View High School	Special school	31	29	Well below average -1.56	0%	83% (20 of 24 pupils)	0%	4.7	0.23
✖ Remove									
Bluebell Park School	Special school	9	NE	NE	NE	100% (11 of 11 pupils)	NE	NE	NE
✖ Remove									
Redbridge High School	Special school	14	NE	NE	NE	100% (19 of 19 pupils)	NE	NE	NE
✖ Remove									

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 ElmTtree House Children's Home, 118 Ribblers Lane, Southdene, Kirkby, L32 7RB. 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	✖	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 & Sexual Offences Public Order Drugs	Children & Young People/Staff	3	2		6		All staff will be fully trained in all areas that present a risk to children and young people. Children and young people in our care will be taught around how to keep themselves safe and the impact any of the known hazards could pose on them as well as others around them. Elm Tree House is built on its own land and the properties within immediate vicinity of it are that of Acorns to Oaks. The home will be fully staffed 24/7 and children and young people will be supervised closely when out in the community. Elm Tree House will also build close professional relationships with the Local community Policing Team who will be invited to visit the home on a regular basis.	2	1			2	Low

Risk Assessment 2

Activity covered by risk assessment: (Overview of risk assessment)													
Proximity of other Children’s Homes in the area													
Context of / reason for risk assessment:													
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	
Elm Tree House is built on land owned by Acorns to Oaks. Within the proximity to the home there will be an additional children’s home – Elm Tree Bungalow. This will be a solo home for one young person or a semi-independent home whichever is needed at the time of opening.	Children & Young People/Staff	3	2		6		Both homes will be fully staffed with their own staff team. The children & young people will be fully supervised, and each home will be treated as though you would expect to be treated as a normal neighbour. Staff will not float from house to house causing disruption to the children and young peoples routine. Each home will be individual and kept separate from each set of staff and young people.	2	1			2	Low

Risk Assessment 3

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	
Knowsley 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 Elm Tree 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.	1	1			1	Low

Risk Assessment 4

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	
There is a train station 1.5 miles away from the home and the nearest bus stop is 154 metres. Children and young people could attempt to abscond by either getting on a bus or a train.	Children & Young People	3	2		6		Children and young people will be closely supervised by staff on shift. Should there be an opportunity where they board a train then staff are to contact the British Transport Police who will liaise with all railway stations to look out for the young person. 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.	2	2		4		Medium

Risk Assessment 5

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	
As far as we are aware there is no known CSE issues in our local area. However, the Registered Manager will regularly liaise with the Local Police and Catch 22.	Children & Young People	3	1			3	Registered manager will liaise with police and use effective intelligence from police in the local area. 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 and regularly liaise with the Knowsley Safeguarding Board and the local MASH team. Where there is a concern then the Manager will attend the local MACSE meetings.	3	1			3	Low

Risk Assessment 6

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	
We are not aware of any form of radicalisation in our area	Children & Young People	1	1			1	All staff at the home will undertake Extremism and Radicalisation training throughout their induction period. PREVENT training will also take place and they will be invited to attend one of our team meetings to discuss any concerns raised in the local area.	1	1			1	Low

Risk Assessment 7

Activity covered by risk assessment: (Overview of risk assessment)													
Access to Bluebell Woods													
Context of / reason for risk assessment:													
Children and young people may abscond in the nearby woods													
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 home is situated close to bluebell woods which lies at the side of the M57 motorway.	Children & Young People	3	3	9			The children and young people will have a busy planner to keep them occupied in and outside of the home. By keeping them active and busy there will be minimal reasons that they would want to abscond from the home. Should there be times when they children and young people do abscond into the woods then their risk assessments will be following thoroughly, and staff will do their best to get them to return to the home. As the woods lies at the side of the M57 motorway this could be very dangerous should the children and young people decide they want to get to the motorway. If staff feel that this is the case, then the Police should be called straight away, and they will in turn inform motorway highway patrols. Each child/young person will have a thorough impact risk assessment prior to being placed at Elm Tree House.	3	2	6			Medium

Analysis

Advantages of the home's location	Disadvantages of the home's location
Close to Local Amenities	Violence & Sexual Offences, Public Order and Drugs listed as nearby crimes
Close to Leisure Centres	Close to Bluebell Woods which is at the side of the M57 motorway
Not in an isolated area	
Plenty of activities available locally	
No nearby bridges or lakes	

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.

Author:	Helen Johnson	Date Implemented:	4 th July 2023
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