

Locality Risk Assessment

Company Name: Omega Care Group

Address: 9 North Park Road, Kirkby, L32 2AR

Children's home email:

Telephone Number:

Registered Manger:

Email:

Date of risk assessment:

Responsible Individual:

Telephone:

Email:

Director: Alex Aresti

Email:

Guidance

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). When conducting the review, the registered person must consult, and consider the views of, each relevant person.

The protection of children standard is that children are protected from harm and enabled to keep themselves safe. In particular, the standard requires the registered person to ensure that the premises used for the purposes of the home are located so that children are effectively safeguarded.

Points to consider.

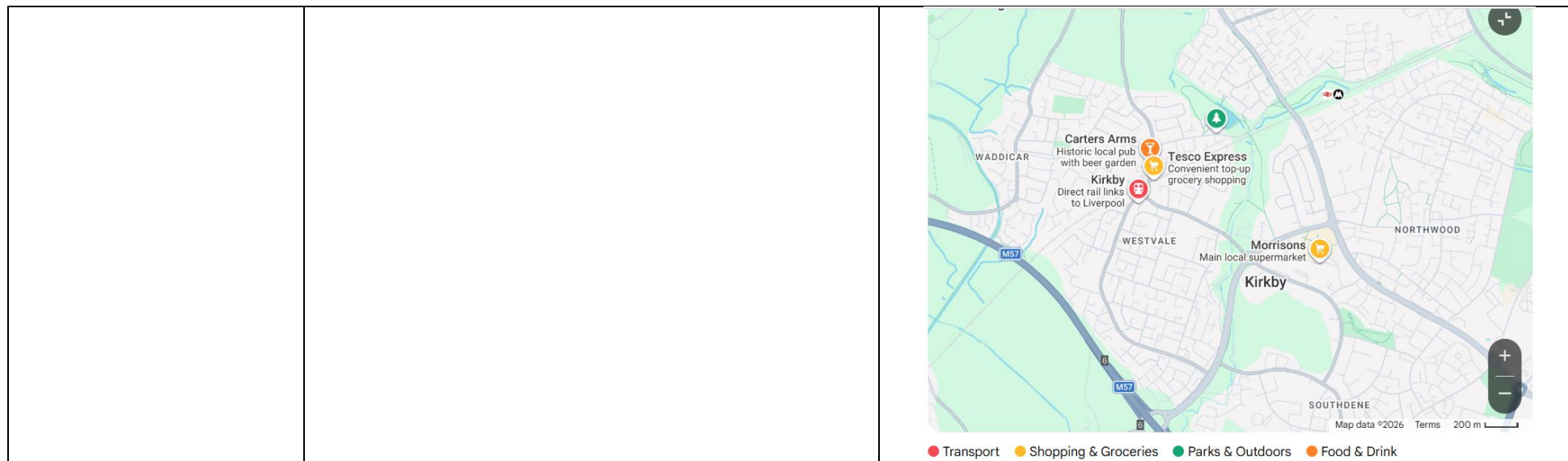
In assessing the location of a children's home, a prospective provider of a new home or the manager of an established home will benefit from a clear understanding of the benefits and disadvantages of living in a specific location. This will help establish whether the area is suitable for a home, ensuring that children feel safe and are able to benefit from good quality services.

Ofsted inspectors may consider the quality of an existing home's manager's location assessment when evaluating the effectiveness of the home's approach to safeguarding and promoting children's welfare.

Potential providers of new homes will need to send the location assessment and related risk management strategy to Ofsted as part of the process for their application to register a children's home. Ofsted will take this information into account when deciding whether to approve an individual's application. Ofsted may request further clarification if it judges that the risk management strategy does not properly address risks identified by the location assessment.

1. LOCALITY PLACEMENT OVERVIEW AND MAP

Where is the placement situated?	9 North Park Road, Kirkby, L32 2AR is in the area of Knowsley. The property is located near a park offering plenty of space for the children to play and complete activities. The property is a detached dwelling on a small road where there is potential for light vehicle traffic, the property is set back off the road allowing adequate space for parking as it benefits from a large drive and a garden area. Within the Kirkby area and within proximity to North Park Road there is a small-town center offering plenty of shops and amenities, this is approximately a 5–10-minute walk away from the home. The local area also benefits from local markets. Local shops include home and bargain, Tesco and B and M. The home also offers access to transport facilities such as train stations and bus stops. The nearest train station is Glovers Brow; this offers direct links into Liverpool town center. The nearest bus stop is a 4-minute walk from home.	 A map of the Kirkby area in Merseyside, England. The map shows the town of Kirkby at the top left, with Knowsley to its south. A yellow star icon marks a location in Knowsley. Major roads are shown in yellow, including the M57, M62, A580, A570, A58, A562, and A561. Other towns and areas labeled include Rainford, Eccleston St H, Prescott, Huyton, Whiston, Belle Vale, Tarbock Green, Halewood, Garston, and Cranfield. The map also shows several parks and green spaces.
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Protective Factors of the home's locality:	Kirkby is a great place to live because it is close to all shopping areas, excellent public transport routes and motorway links to Manchester and Liverpool. Kirkby offers excellent shopping within Kirkby town centre including lots of fashion shops, a large supermarket, fruit and veg, florists, key cutting specialists, local markets and many others.
Public Transport within locality:	There is a bus stop a short walk away that can take you straight into the center of Liverpool which a 4-minute walk and takes approx. 20 minutes. There is also a train station near the home, Glover's brow is approximately an 8-minute walk from home.
2. ACCESSIBILITY OF LOCAL SERVICES	
Schools	
Millbrook Community Primary School - 0151 477 8160 Kirkby C of E Primary School - 0151 477 8510 Northwood Community Primary School - 0151 477 8630 Kirkby High School - 0151 477 8710 All Saints Catholic High School - 0151 477 8740 Dixons Fazakerley Academy - 0151 332 6790 Eastcroft Park Primary School - 0151 477 8210 Bluebell Park School - 0151 477 8350 Park Brow Community Primary School St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School - 0151 477 8173 St Laurence's Catholic Primary School St Michael and All Angels Catholic Primary School Westvale Primary School Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School	
General practice	North Park health centre - 290 Knowsley Rd, Bootle L20 5DQ – 01512305553 Millbrook Medical centre - Southdene Primary Care Resource Centre, Bewley Dr, Kirkby, Liverpool L32 9PF

	Kirkby Health Suit - Cherryfield Dr, Liverpool L32 1TX - 01515450170
Opticians	Specsavers - Kirkby Shopping Centre, 21 St Chad's Parade, Liverpool L32 8RD – 0151 545 5310
Dentist -	My Dentist - Kirkby Shopping Centre, Telegraph Wy, Kirkby, Liverpool L32 8US - 01515462670
C of E Church	St chads Church - Old Hall Ln, Liverpool L32 5TH
RCC Church	Kirby Christian Fellowship Church - Old Rough Ln, Liverpool L33 0YL
Northwood Chapel	8 Quarry DI, Northwood, Liverpool L33 8XU
Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses	James Holt Ave, Liverpool L32 5TD
Hindu Temple Liverpool Ganesh Temple	13 Delfby Cres, Kirkby, Liverpool L32 8TN
Allerton Hebrew Congregation	207 Mather Ave, Allerton, Liverpool L18 9UB
Muslim Mosque Imran Trust	19 Elton Head Road St Helens WA9 5AU 07856 039289
Risk Management to effectively safeguard children and young people and ensure they access services to meet needs identified in their care plans or placement plans	
<i>Risks to Young People</i>	<i>Control Measures</i>
Risk of going missing from the home	Each young person will have an individual risk assessment that highlights push/pull factors and any identified risk, any pull factors in the local area will be identified and included in this assessment. Staff will ensure that they keep in contact with young people whilst they are out of the home.

	On-going discussions with young people regarding the risks and dangers of going missing from home / referral to reference both as one is local and the other is national to be made if this behaviour continues.
Main road/transport route – risk of accident	Young people are supported by staff unless they have agreed time in the community. All young people will be spoken to and assessed about road safety. Should the young person be in a state of distress then staff will follow closely but at a safe distance to ensure they are not putting themselves or others at risk of harm. This will be individually risk assessed as per young person.
Risk of drowning in local rivers/ streams and or dangerous activity near water	The nearest water body to the home is Marine Lake in west Kirkby, this is approximately an 18-minute drive. There is no immediate risk in relation to waterbodies near the home, although ongoing work with the children will take place to ensure they are safe as activities may include trips to local beaches and lakes.
Home burglary	Staff to ensure that the home is always secured, whether in the home or if they are going out with the young people. Staff to ensure that the home is checked and secured before they settle for the evening. Staff to be wary of any suspicious characters around the home or area and report any incidents or concerns to the police. Police will be called if the home is a victim of any crime.
Anti-social behaviour in local parks or local area	Young people will be supported and educated to understand the implications of anti-social behaviour and how this can have a detrimental effect on their future if they were to be criminalised by committing crimes in the community. Staff will work with other professionals such as the community police if there are any concerns around anti-social behaviour. Young people will be encouraged to make appropriate friends and to have them to the home, join clubs etc to avoid them mixing with local peers who may lead/encourage/ them into undesirable anti-social behaviours. Young people deemed as high risk may be supported by staff in the local area by staff dependant on the risk assessment (or DOLS).

	The team in the home will conduct direct work and key work sessions around Anti-Social Behaviour if we feel this presents a risk to the children who live here. Within the Kirkby area anti-social behaviour is the second most reported crime, with a total of 294 reports over the last 12 months (ending March 26). (information from police.uk). These stats evidence the importance of the ongoing work.
Threatening or bullying behaviour	PCSOs are asked to visit and support the home regularly and speak to young people if there are any concerns. Staff remind young people to charge their mobile phones before leaving the home and ensure that all young people are aware of the homes address and have the contact details of the home, this can be provided on a card or a wrist band if they need to contact staff. Staff to ensure that young people are not leaving the home at unsociable hours. Staff to educate the young people on the risk of being a victim of street crime. Staff to educate young people on safe routes to travel to and from the home should they have free time such as using well lit up streets and avoiding unlit areas. If there are any incidents of street crime, then it should be reported to the police.
Violence and sexual offences	Staff to be vigilant in ensuring that young people are safe and to be monitoring any changes in behaviour that could indicate young people are involved in any crime. Staff to monitor the young people at all times where possible. Staff to liaise with local community officers should there be any issues in regard to concerns around violent and sexual offences.
Drugs	Young people living in the Knowsley area can contact Engage, details below for support with substance misuse. ENGAGE Knowsley - Young Persons Substance Misuse Service http://www.changegrowlive.org/content/engage-knowsley-young-persons-drug-and-alcohol-support-service 0151 546 9557

	knowsley@cgl.org.uk Engage Knowsley, Unit 7, Deacon Park, Moorgate Road, Kirkby L33 7RX
Risk of Radicalisation	There are no known current concerns relating to young people being radicalised in this immediate area; however, the home recognises that radicalisation remains a national safeguarding issue and will remain vigilant to any signs of vulnerability. Staff will monitor for indicators linked to all forms of extremism, including far-right extremism, harmful online influence, and extreme misogyny or 'manosphere' content, as well as any sudden changes in presentation, language, beliefs, associations, or online activity that may indicate a young person is being groomed or influenced. Online threats will be considered alongside community risks, including exposure to extremist material, closed groups, gaming platforms, social media, or content that promotes hatred, violence, control, or dehumanising views. Any concerns will be managed in line with safeguarding procedures: discussed promptly with the manager and safeguarding lead, recorded, shared with the placing authority and relevant professionals as appropriate, and referred for Prevent advice or Prevent/Channel consideration where thresholds are met. Staff can seek advice from the Merseyside Police Prevent Team or the national ACT Early/Prevent advice line, and urgent concerns will be reported to police immediately. All staff within the home have completed training in this area and are aware of the issues to monitor in this area. Prevent is just that – a preventative programme, delivered locally by teachers, healthcare practitioners, social workers, the police, charities, and religious leaders. It places protection around people vulnerable to radicalisation, stopping them from being drawn into terrorism – regardless of the ideology. It works in a similar way to safeguarding processes designed to protect people from gangs, drug abuse, and physical and sexual exploitation. People concerned that someone they know may be at risk from being radicalised by extremists are urged to seek help early and access the advice and assistance available online and from experts.
Risk of County Lines	There are no known issues relating to young people being used to traffic drugs in this area, however the home is aware that this is a national issue and will monitor the young people in residents and act on any concerns.

	Where there are concerns about child criminal exploitation, county lines, or repeated missing episodes, the home will work with relevant safeguarding partners and request multi-agency support. In Knowsley, the Shield Team is a specialist multi-agency service focused on children at risk of criminal or sexual exploitation and children who go missing, working alongside children's social care, police, and Catch22. Referrals or requests for Shield Team involvement would usually be progressed via Knowsley Children's Social Care/MASH in line with local safeguarding procedures, with urgent concerns reported to police immediately.
Risk of criminal/sexual exploitation	Some of the young people admitted to the home may be vulnerable to the risk of being sexually exploited by others, there are no known concerns in the local area. Any CSE risk assessments are carried out for each child, and all staff are trained to work with children at risk of being exploited by others. Young people will be educated in risk of child exploitation, what is grooming and how to stay safe online. There are many organisations within Merseyside that deal solely with such issues, such as Catch 22, M.A.L.S and a section of the police dedicated to children missing from care, at risk of exploitation. In Knowsley, additional support can be sought through the Shield Team, a specialist multi-agency service for children affected by exploitation or repeated missing episodes. The home will liaise with Children's Social Care/MASH and other relevant professionals to request Shield Team involvement where indicators of child sexual exploitation, child criminal exploitation, or persistent missing episodes are identified. Pan Merseyside Child Exploitation Service - Catch22 The team will also work closely with placing authorities and will advocate for the children to have a complex safeguarding worker if necessary.
Public houses	Yes, there are a public house located near the home; however, you are not able to hear any noise from this public house, and it does not cause any issues yet to the house. Also, there is a local shop which is licensed to sell alcohol which is also located near the home.

	The town centre is easily accessible, which young people could walk to, there are several pubs there. Given the time of the public houses becoming busy the children will usually be settled in the home or returning home, the children will be educated on the risks of alcohol and how this can effect other's decision making, we will ensure the children are aware of the risks of pubs and alcohol and encourage them to avoid these areas during busy times.
Railway lines	Glovers' brow is approximately an 8-minute walk from the home. This railway links Kirkby to Liverpool city centre. The railway lines offer great transport links to Liverpool city centre and Manchester city centre. Although this could potentially pose a risk of county lines and criminal exploitation given such easy access to large cities the home will review this document regularly and when required. This document will be used when considering a referral and if there is a history of criminal exploitation or a risk of the home will risk assess appropriately and ensure the home can keep the child safe at all times. The home will build relationships with transport officers and PCSO's in the local area to ensure we are well known and working together to safeguard children in our care. Again this risk will be considered during the referral process and will be recorded on the impact risk assessment, the home will ensure the appropriate risk management strategies are implemented for the child in consideration, if the home feels the risk is too high for the child we will not admit them into the home Key work and direct work with the children will be complete upon admission.
Dual carriageways or Motorways	Kirkby is exceptionally well-connected, with the M57 motorway running directly to the west, the M58 to the north, and major dual carriageways forming its primary boundaries. North Road in Kirkby sits immediately adjacent to the M57 motorway and the A580 East Lancashire Road. The M57 is less than a 1 to 2-minute drive, and the major dual carriageways are directly connected to the local road network.

	This risk will be considered when the home is looking at referrals for young people and will be documented on the impact risk assessment to ensure the home can safely risk assess the needs of the children potentially moving into the home.
Sheltered accommodation and bail hostels	There are no known bail hostels in the immediate vicinity of the home; however, there are SHAP supported accommodation sites within Kirkby. SHAP's Kirkby scheme provides 38 self-contained flats in the Northwood area of Kirkby, including accommodation for young people aged 16–24 and for adults with support needs linked to mental health, substance misuse, offending behaviour or other vulnerabilities. The scheme is based at Westhead Avenue, Kirkby, L33 0XN, with support staff available during daytime hours on weekdays. This means there is a potential for looked after children to come into contact in the wider community with vulnerable adults or older young people who may present varying levels of risk, particularly around criminal exploitation, substance misuse, anti-social behaviour, or inappropriate associations. Risk will be managed through individual impact and matching assessments before admission, clear missing-from-care and exploitation risk management plans, staff supervision in the community where required, education for young people about safe relationships and appropriate boundaries, and ongoing liaison with local police, safeguarding partners and relevant community professionals if concerns arise. Staff will remain alert to any patterns of young people gravitating towards supported accommodation areas, and any emerging concerns will be recorded, shared, and reviewed promptly.
Neighbours	9 North Park Road is a detached house in a residential area with other homes within close proximity, staff will be mindful of this and encourage young people to respect neighbours and keep noise levels acceptable. The home will build positive relationships with neighbours, and the homes Manager will follow up any concerns or complaints from neighbours effectively. The children will complete key work around respecting Neighbours and anti-social behaviour. The manager and team will build positive relationships with neighbours and request feedback regularly to ensure positive relationships. There is adequate parking at the home as the property benefits from a large driveway which you can fit 4 cars on.
Bridges or flyovers	The local area includes several nearby bridges and flyovers. These include the M57 Kirkby Interchange (Junction 6), located approximately 1.5 miles south-south-west of North Road, which

	includes major flyovers and bridges carrying the A506 over the M57 motorway. There are also several M57 overbridges in the Kirkby area where local roads, including the A580 East Lancashire Road and Hall Lane, pass over or under the motorway. In addition, the Liverpool–Kirkby railway bridge spans the M57 corridor just south of Kirkby and carries the Merseyrail commuter network. The A580 overpass (Radshaw Nook Bridge), situated near the southern edge of the Kirkby industrial estate, is a four-span flyover carrying a curved slip road over the East Lancashire Road (A580). The risk of bridges will be considered during the referral process.
Street lighting	Young people will be spoken to and advised around not leaving the home and walking around the local area when dark outside, although the street in which the home is located has good lighting.
roads	Roads are near the provision but consist of pedestrian crossings which all children and young people will be encouraged to use to support road safety. This is a residential area which speed limits which consist of 20-30 MPH.
Abandoned buildings	There are no abandoned buildings in the local vicinity.
Pavements	there are pavements outside of the provision which are always well maintained and safe to use.
Road works	There are no known road works currently taking place in the vicinity of the home.
Additional Information	
Is the home in a community location?	The home is situated on a side road it is does not stand out to other residential dwellings in the area. It is close to local amenities; it is set back with a large driveway.
Are there any risks to young people in the immediate location?	The immediate area does not cause any major. There will always be consideration to the area and crime rates when looking at referrals for young people, and these will be recorded on the safe area report and on an impact risk assessment. The local PCSO, PPU and Safeguarding Board have been contacted, and the home will remain in contact for updates on the area, and any changes that may cause risk to young people. Individual risk assessments will be in place for young people in the home, to mitigate any risk.

Are there any known gangs in the area?	There are no known gangs within the local area. The home will work with the local police, youth offending team and local PCSO to continue to monitor these risks in the local area.
Does the home have a good relationship with local anti-social behaviour groups and police?	The home will build good relationships with the local poling team and encourage the local PCSO's to visit.
Any other issues identified from the data obtained	The home will continue to monitor the local area to ensure that the home is a safe place to live for young people Additional information and concerns are highlighted in below.
Consultation measure with young people	The home will have on-going discussions with young people in relation to any issues or concerns that may present from the local area. Young people will be supported and advised of any issues, we will ask the local PC or PSCO to visit the home to build relationships with the young people living here and the Manager of the home will continually monitor the local area to identify any concerns that may arise, in consultation with the wider system.

COLLECTION OF PUBLICLY AVAILABLE DATA INCLUDING OFFENDING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

The crime map below demonstrates the number of individual crimes or incidents reported in for policing neighbourhood Prescott within Knowsley

For further information visit: <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/merseyside-police/Prescotnorth/?yourlocalpolicingteam=about-us>

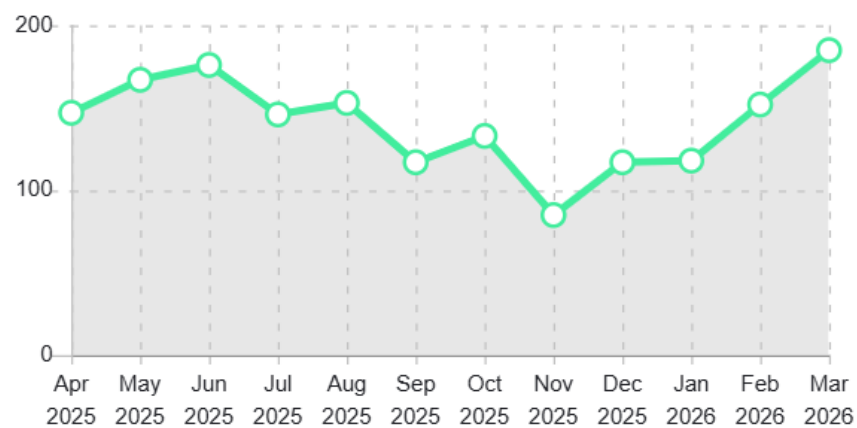
Crime levels overview

for the last 12 months (from Apr 2025 to Mar 2026)

Last 12 months

Last 3 years

Crime per Month



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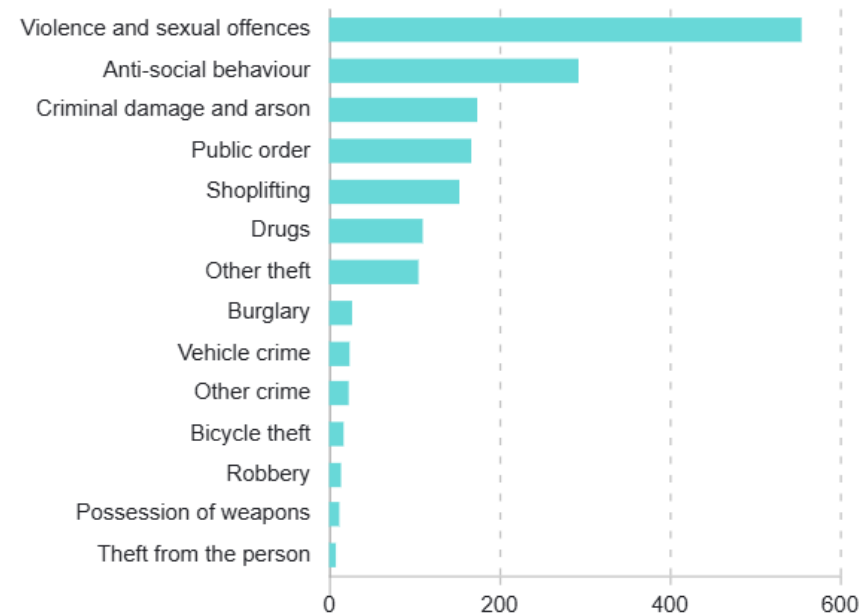
Crime types description

for the last 12 months (from Apr 2025 to Mar 2026)

Latest month

Last 12 months

Last 3 years



Most recent crime statistics as of 21.05.2026

Merseyside Police

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

We work closely with local authorities, community leaders and residents to decide our policing priorities for the area. This helps us to find useful, long-term solutions to local problems, while maintaining our wider focus on reducing crime across Merseyside.

Nearest Police station

**St Chads Drive,
Kirkby,
Merseyside,
L32 8RF**

Local Policing Team

Inspector - Andrew Robinson

Sergeant - Alec Cartledge

Police Constable - Greg Dyson

Police Constable - Meghan Westerside

PCSO - Reguin da Silva

PCSO - Shaun Davidson

CURRENT LOCAL INFORMATION ON HEALTH AND SAFETY INCLUDING LOCAL HEALTH CONCERN AND ACCIDENTS

Priority:

Youth related ASB

Action taken by Merseyside police:

From feedback in the community and on social media we are aware that youth related anti-social behaviour is an issue across our town centres including Prescot, Huyton and Kirkby. We know that the better weather and school holidays across the summer months heightens these issues and to combat this we have town centre summer plans in place to increase patrols in town centres at key times, target offenders and work with partners to engage with the youths and provide diversionary activities.

Priority:

Retail crime

Action taken by Merseyside police:

Theft from shops in the town centre is a priority for us as crime figures show as well as communications with local businesses. To tackle this we have worked with local business and partners including Knowsley Council to set up a business watch scheme which covers both the town centre and Industrial Estate areas. Through this we work on better reporting, how we can prevent offences and proactive targeting of individuals who repeatedly target the town centre by using civil orders to reduce their chance of reoffending.

INFORMATION ON CELEBRATIONS AND COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENTS

Consultation with young person

Young Person	Comments Views	Actions to be taken	Timescale

Conclusion

From the information gathered the home is considered a suitable location risks identified within the local vicinity of where the home is based do not pose any increased risks to a residential provision. The risks which have been identified in consultation with relevant professionals have been acknowledged and adequate risk assessments are in place. The local PCSO will be in attendance to work alongside the home in identifying and reviewing new risks posed.

Relevant Professionals in Knowsley:

Diane Kitcher – LADO – Diane.kitcher@knowsley.gov.uk

Alex Roper – Virtual Head Knowsley - CLAEducationadmin@knowsley.gov.uk

Michael Hughes – Environmental Health Officer – Michael.highes@knowsley.gov.uk

Name	Professional Body	Comments and views, and any actions to be taken	Date
Christine Miller	Merseyside Police	Consultation with missing from home coordinator has taken place and information received has been included in the report.	22/05/26
Rebecca Hastie	Manager of Knowsley commissioning	Consultation took place with Rebecca regarding the need for children's home. We were advised that the area is saturated for children's homes. However, Rebecca did say Knowsley's preference would be to work with trusted providers on the framework which Omega are.	01/06/26

Consultation with Relevant Bodies

(prints and copies of consultations and reports are present with this report)

Name of Manager completing the assessment – Aaron Hill

Signature – A Hill

Date – 04/06/26

Local updates: (to be completed as and when new information is received and shared from different sources)

Date	Where from?	Local Updates

In this section we will include if relevant any updates from monthly team meetings:

Date	Update	From whom	Sign