

LOCATION ASSESSMENT FOR **WOODEND CHILDRENS HOME** (rational completed in the premises policy regard data collection and statics and how this will be monitored example www.crime-statistics.co.uk and breakdown of how we communicate with multi agency's i.e. police youth offending etc.)

Identified Area Of Concern:	Actions to reduce risk:	Identified Level of risk and how will it be monitored
<p>Safeguarding Concerns:</p> <p>What Guidance has been taken to ensure location of the home is safe for young people in the home.</p>	<p>Police Support:</p> <p>We have worked in close partnership with the Carlisle Police Force to establish a mutually supportive relationship. We have specifically appointed Community Police Officers who work with us and the young people to ensure we keep the home safe and have any issues and or concerns dealt with. We work in partnership with the PCSO's via phone, e-mail and through them visiting the home regularly. They will look to spend time building up positive relationships with the young people, and thus reduce their anxieties surrounding the police and building more positive relationships and or opinions of the police and the services they can offer. Our assigned PCSO is .</p> <p>Accessing the Cumbria Police Website, Facebook or Twitter accounts, (www.cumbria.police.uk) (www.facebook.com/cumbriapolice) (www.twitter.com/cumbriapolice). Here we can find links to monitor the different areas and the types of crimes/trends and or issues that are occurring locally at present and or specific to those areas, how many have occurred and exactly where. This website also lists all the initiatives that the community policing are working on, and provides working documents for this</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Low</p> <p>Through close working relationships with the local Police Force and more specifically the Community Police Officers to monitor local trends of crime and provisions and schemes to reduce these we will have an up to date insight into the most pressing safeguarding concerns affecting our young people. This will be supplemented with direct and hands on staff support for all young people making them aware of these risks and support and training them in the best ways to keep themselves safe</p>
<p>Does the location of the home, influence already vulnerable young person to be a victim of crime such as being targeted for sexual exploitation.</p>	<p>Heads Nook is a relatively isolated village and low crime location. Young people do not take free time in the village and due to the home statement of purpose around the young people the home work with complex needs there is always minimum of 1-1 support. Due to the needs and behaviours shown by the young people in the home in line with the homes tier system ,no young person under the age of 13 are allowed unsupervised access to the internet or have free time (on their own). We ensure that all young people are supported in developing knowledge around safeguarding and risks around stranger danger.</p> <p>When the young people are above 13 and have received the expected support around safeguarding we ensure we work closely with the young people to monitor there Facebooks, phones and all forms of media that they use so we can monitor if they are being approached by strangers and or potential persons whom may try and exploit them, it also allows us to monitor if any of our young people are or have the potential to exploit other vulnerable person(s).</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Low</p> <p>The home has a clear statement of purpose and matching process which ensures clear assessments around the risk of placement this ensure we review the location around young people who have historical missing events and also their safeguarding needs.</p> <p>Young people are subject to individual risk assessment re risk to them of sexual exploitation and online exploitation. This is shared with Cumbria</p>

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	<p>The homes computer system requires each young person to have individual user login. A web search history is generated for each young person. These history reports can be requested from our IT support.</p> <p>There is also the potential to have an "information sharing agreement" with the police by where they can then share the registered manager if there are any persons within the local area who would pose a risk to the young people, this agreement would need to be signed and agreed by an Inspector at Durranhill and in agreement with the registered manager, and this to-date in not in place. In having this agreement it would allow appropriate risk reduction measures to be implemented to adequately reduce the risk level posed by any potential offender, specifically an offender that could sexually exploit the young people.</p>	<p>police MOU notification when young people are placed this identifies risk of sexual exploitation, Missing, anti-social behaviour and county lines risks (drugs)</p>
<p>Is there a likelihood of young people placed at the home becoming drawn into gang crime or anti-social behaviour in the local area?</p>	<p>No. Gang crime is not a risk in the immediate area of Woodend House.</p> <p>There is no antisocial behaviour in Heads Nook, it is a very quiet village location. House prices are very high and the community quiet.</p> <p>In relation to potential Anti-Social behaviour, after liaising with the Community Police Officers appointed for our service, they report that they are rarely called to issues within the immediate location of Woodend House, they also advise us to monitor the Cumbria Police Website which clearly details all the specific crimes for the specific area, and this will therefore detail what anti-social crimes are relevant to the immediate locality.</p>	<p>Low</p>
<p>The suitability of the local neighbourhood as a location for young people who have already been victims of abuse and neglect</p>	<p>Safe community environment, in a village location.</p> <p>The relatively rural location reduces the likelihood of young people becoming missing persons.</p> <p>The home is x1 mile from a main road. This is a 20 minute walk approximately.</p> <p>If a young person goes missing staff therefore have an approx. 20 minute time to search the likely routes from the home.</p>	<p>Low</p>

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	As a consequence there is a reduced likelihood of young people whom have already been abused meeting, or falling victim to such risk again.	The home works with young people with complex needs. To ensure the young people receive the support the needs require they receive both 1-1 care and 2-1. The high staff levels reduce the risk around the young people putting themselves at risk of going missing.
Environment:	Actions to reduce Risk :	Identified Level of risk and how will it be monitored
What surrounding services could represent a hazard to young people in the home	<p>A 15-20-minute walk away at Corby Hill/ Warwick Bridge is the A69 trunk road Carlisle to Newcastle.</p> <p>Outside of the village the roads are narrow with no footway, traffic drives on the A69 as per all main cross UK trunk roads.</p> <p>There are bus stops in Corby Hill again a 15-20-minute walk away. The bus stops are for direct busses to Carlisle and Newcastle.</p> <p>There are no hotels, Pubs, Shops, student accomadiomn or hostels in Heads nook. There has been an increase in house being built which is increasing the traffic level, however all new properties are located when you enter heads nook and have no impact on the homes location.</p>	<h1>Low</h1>
Whether the environment factors that would represent a hazard to young people in the home such as locations near level crossings or busy roads.	<p>Heads Nook is a relatively remote rural village.</p> <p>There is however a busy cross country <u>railway line</u> through the village and some 150m from the home. There is no station. There is a level crossing giving access by a 150 woodland walk. There is a railway bridge in the village easily accessible by a 150 m walk. The bridge parapet is only waist high as per a normal' dry stone village garden wall.</p> <p>The Home is on the edge of a small woodland area on the edge of the village . There is a <u>stream running through the Woods</u>. This is no more than 2m wide and usually ankle deep. After heavy rain it can rise and present a water hazard.</p> <p>The home as previously described is in a <u>rurally located village</u>. This can present a hazard if young people who go missing 'go cross country'. Young people could become lost or disorientated in the countryside.</p> <p>The home although rural does have fast roads in the vicinity.</p>	<h1>Medium</h1> <p>On moving into the home young people undertake a house induction, during this they are advised about the out of bounds areas around the home including the railway and woods/ stream.</p> <p>Where some young people who are known to be at higher risk of reckless or self-harming behaviours the disclosure of the location of the railway track is carefully managed or not disclosed.</p> <p>The railway track is positioned so that it is not a major feature and can be actually overlooked by some young people. This is subject to individual risk assessment.</p>

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	<p>The main road into the village from Corby hill is x1 mile long. It is a minor road but local traffic drives VERY FAST. This has increased risk at night as there is no street lighting.</p>	<p>Where there are incidents that involve the railway track or any in which the environment has presented actual risk safeguarding actions must be taken and the suitability of the placement for that young person reviewed with due expediency.</p>
Accessibility of Local Services	Actions to reduce Risk :	Identified Level of risk and how will it be monitored
<p>Identified Local Services and distance and accessibility i.e. Health, Therapeutic, support services</p>	<p>Health & Support Services:</p> <p>Brampton Medical Practice 4 Market Place Brampton CA8 1NL</p> <p>Good Teeth Dental Surgery 9 Market Place Brampton CA8 1NL</p> <p>Eric Hagans Opticians 3 Market Place Brampton CA8 1RW</p> <p>Sexual Health and Drug and Alcohol Support: INSPIRA Lowther Street Carlisle</p> <p>Mental Health Specialists: CAHMS Fairfield Centre 12 Portland Place Carlisle CA1 1PY</p> <p>Cumbria Youth Offending Service: Carlisle East Community Fire Station</p>	

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Access to quality Education	The young people from Woodend House attend Kirby Moor School(Brampton) or Herdley bank annex in Coan wood, The school is for young people with Social, Emotional and Mental Health, this facility specialises in providing specific individualised education plans for and with the young people. Staff are able to transport the young people to this facility on a daily basis, and regularly liaise with the education staff to monitor progress and assist in developing their education.	
Positive features in the local community that would benefit to the young person placed at the home. I.e. Opportunities to participate in leisure, sporting or cultural activities or links that could benefit a young person ethic and religious identity.	<p>We work closely with all of the services previously mentioned within this assessment, including Health, Leisure and Education, we also have staff whom reside in Carlisle and surrounding areas, who have local knowledge of different services, with whom they can get the young people involved with, but also have knowledge that will help and assist reducing the risk(s).</p> <p>We encourage the young people to become involved in groups and clubs, including Football, Rugby, Drama, Theatre and Youth Clubs to broaden their horizons and get them involved with other young people within Carlisle and help them develop relationships out-with their peer group at school, it also helps build and develop their social and relationship skills.</p> <p>With the young people needs around the statement of purpose for Woodend the home offers high staff support activities to ensure the support required is meet. We also review the type of environments our young people access due to their anxiety and emotional needs.</p>	
Views of current young people regarding whether they feel safe in the local area.(all views need to be responded too)	All the young people were asked through a questionnaire survey as to whether they felt safe with the location of the home all have said that they do feel safe. These comments are recorded therefore on these documents which are and would be available for reading and monitoring.	Low Risk: All current young people have a low risk assessment overall as there are able to keep themselves safe, engage with staff and listen to guidance and advice.

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Actions to outline Measures taken to Manage risks.	Home response of actions to reduce risks.
<p>Convening multi-agency risk management meetings, involving local services, placing authorities and individual children to develop strategies for managing and minimising the risks faced by the children;</p>	<p>We have regular meetings with our PCSO's and local policing teams, this allows us to work with services who will help support the homes safety and security as well as understanding any schemes and or provisions that would help benefit our service(s) for the young people.</p> <p>The PCSO's also attend the house to build relationships with the young people, this is also a measure to help reduce the risk level(s), allow the PCSO's to get to know all the young people, and help them understand that the police can be and are there to help support them, and help should they ever needs them as oppose to having a negative view upon them.</p> <p>In working in close partnership with the local police it is part of a multi-agency reduction of risk procedure.</p> <p>We have regular 6 monthly looked after children meetings this allows us to discuss the young people's placement and ensure we have adequate safety measures in place as well as appropriate individualised plans that have the young people's voices in this.</p>
<p>Educating the children in the home about risks, and supporting them in developing skills and strategies for managing those risks;</p>	<p>We work with the young people during the 2 monthly Key-working sessions, and or Monthly young people's meetings to address different risk(s), and in helping them understand risks and how they can actively manage them along with staff.</p> <p>We also as a service devise questionnaire's that attempt to ascertain the young people's knowledge on subjects and if they can notice risk and how they can actively support and manage these risk(s) themselves.</p> <p>We also have within the home posters and notices available that clearly identify risks and services that will help reduce the risk level(s) and allow the young people to gain knowledge and understanding confidentially, these posters and information also advertise services that the young people can engage with that will help them address any issues and or worries thy may have.</p> <p>We have adequate and detailed risk assessments that are devised in conjunction with the young people, this allowing them to be involved with the decision making, but also in making them accountable for decision making in relation to their safe management of risk, and thus them working to "keep themselves safe"</p>

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	<p>We communicate daily with the young people, ensuring that they have an avenue to talk to staff and thus are open and honest about understanding risk and how in life we have to manage this.</p>
<p>Providing children with access to relevant support services to make them more aware of risks and to build their resilience</p>	<p>The young people have access to the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local PCSO's/POLICE • NSPCC • PAC • EQUINE THERAPY • INTERNAL THERAPUTIC SUPPORT • CAHMS • ADVOCACY • SPORTS CLUBS/FACILITIES • MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS
<p>Ensuring that children have access to sources of confidential advice and advocacy so that they feel safe to disclose any risks they face;</p>	<p>The young people have access to NYAS, a local advocacy service, there also would be other advocacy services available should they require this and or it be needed.</p> <p>They also have their children's rights officer from there placing authority to ensure they can have their say and be listened to as well as being able to speak confidentially to someone.</p> <p>They also have access to Child-line via the phone, and an Ofsted Inspector should they wish to.</p> <p>The young people can also access any health agencies with the local area, these including NSPCC, Hilltop-Heights, CADAS, there GP and or similar.</p>
<p>Recording evidence of children's vulnerability to sexual exploitation that could be used by the police as the basis for taking enforcement action against predatory adults or by probation service providers in connection with the management of offenders.</p>	<p>We have a clear tier system to support the young people in all homes around age and expectations before able to have a mobile phone, unsupervised computer time.</p> <p>We have robust systems in place for monitoring the social networks and sites accessible to the young people, this including daily checks of their phones and media devices. We also introduced new checking measures of the wi-fi networks within the home to monitor sites accessed.</p>

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	<p>We also have comprehensive “fire-walls” in place on the internet facilities within the home. We log and record all checks on a specific format and should it be required we pass this on for advice and support to NSPCC, the PCSO’s and or any other relevant person(s).</p> <p>Any concerns relating to CSE will be immediately reported through the Safeguarding Hub/Police so that a thorough investigation can be carried out and or the details of individuals who have presented as concerning are logged on the system and can therefore be monitored by the police, but also the staff during the detailed checking systems.</p> <p>Any young person who would be at risk and or significant risk of sexual exploitation would be flagged with the local police so they would have an awareness they were in the area.</p>
<p>Improving security for the home so that individuals or vehicles approaching the home can be recorded, acting as a deterrent to potential predators.</p>	<p>At Woodend House we have a CCTV provision operating on all entrances and exits to the building, thus ensuring that we can monitor all visitors to the home/grounds and thus ensure security is to an optimum, the CCTV service also covers the back yard/ play area of the home. We monitor any vehicles arriving and or departing.</p> <p>We have a signing in facility within the home, therefore any and all visitors to the home have to sign in and out on the visitors book as well as having there identification checked upon entering. If there were any concerns about a person’s identity this would need to be checked and verified before they would be permitted access to the home and the young people.</p>

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