**Spring Valley Location Risk assessment 2023**

## Care Today – Location Risk Assessment

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**Children's Services**

**Location Risk Assessment**

***Regulation 46***

**House: Spring Valley**

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| Person Completing Assessment (Manager details): | Matt Wilson |
| Date Assessment Completed: | 18.12.2023 Next Review Date: 18.12.2024 |
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| Type of Property (description): | Spring Valley is an integrated Education and Residential site. The Residential aspect of the building “The Rectory” is a 7-bedroom home, which are for young people. The site has previously been a residential care home for the elderly. It sits in its own grounds away from the road with a driveway and large fenced garden. The residential site is within the original Victorian building. The school site is located within the adjacent linked new building. There are neighboring properties, and the local park and recreation ground is immediately adjacent to the home.  The onsite school which houses the classrooms where the young people will be educated alongside day pupils. A full educational timetable is on offer. Therapy will also be offered in this space.  The layout of the school site is as follows: The site contains dedicated classrooms on the first floor and additional breakout areas. The ground floor contains a large kitchen and dinning area along with meeting rooms. |
| Location Description: | Breaston lies along the A6005 road between Derby and Nottingham. This is an Urban/Semi-Rural location.  The main north south roads through the village link to nearby settlements such as Risley and Sawley.  The cities of Derby and Nottingham are 8 miles and 10 miles away respectively.  There is a major motorway access point (M1 J25) about 1 mile from the village which gives good access routes to the rest of the country.  There is a train line running through the village although the nearest stations are either in Long Eaton or Spondon, but with limited stops. |

**Framework for assessing a location:**

**The following location assessment will address two key areas as required by the regulations:**

1. **Safeguarding Concerns**
2. **Accessibility of local services**

**The following assessment has been conducted, in line with the advice circular by the Department of Education, July 2014**

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| **Does the location of the site, increase the risk of a child being a victim of crime (eg CSE etc)?** |  |
| **Is there a risk of children placed at the home or education, being drawn into gang crime or anti-social behaviour in the local area?** | All our young people are supervised when out in the community on activities reducing the risk they are placed at from others.  Any of the young people that may have a certain amount of independent time in the community will be risk assessed appropriately by the staff and young person whenever they go out unaccompanied.  They will also take a mobile phone with them so that they can be contacted by the home and vice versa. This will be clearly documented in individual risk assessments. |
| **What is the overall suitability of the local area as a location to care for children who may have already been victims of abuse and neglect?** | (further specific data is recorded within the crime map information and levels of deprivation for the area)  The home's semi-rural location greatly reduces the risk from outside influences. The children are always supervised while on and off site. There is a full and structured activity planner in place, this prevents boredom. This alongside the location of the site greatly reduces the risk of young people being involved in anti-social behaviour. |
| **What environmental factors are present, that would present a hazard to children (eg – road network, electrical sub-stations etc)?** | Nearest electrical substation is in Stoke Bardolph, 15.5 miles away from The Rectory. There are no main high pressure gas pipelines within a 25 mile radius of the home.  There are two main bodies of open water in Breaston: Golden Brook Lagoon and Nature Reserve, maintained by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust - approx 1 mile from the home, but has well maintained access and paths, and the Church Wilne Water Sports Club and Water Treatment Works - approx 1.5 miles. There is no public access to the reservoir and the only entry is via the sports club main entrance which is 2.2 miles by road.  There are smaller tributaries and streams nearby feeding Golden Brook and the River Derwent which is approx 2.5 miles away and the River Trent approx 2 miles away. There is no easy public access to either river as they flow through private land.  A train line runs through the village from Derby to Nottingham, however there is no station in the village and the train line is  well protected and does not cross any public land. There is a level crossing approx 2 miles from the house on the Sawley Road and this is monitored by CCTV.  There is a major motorway access point (M1 J25) about 1 mile from the village, but there is no pedestrian access to this.  There is no planned major roadworks in the village or surrounding areas in the next 3 months.  There are no quarries in the immediate area, the nearest being over 5 miles away from the home.  The Derbyshire Community Risk Register is updated regularly by the local authority. Details of this and the Derbyshire Major Industrial Accidents plan can be found at <https://www.derbyshireprepared.org.uk/> |

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| **Describe the positive aspects of the house and its specific location.**  **The following guidance may assist:**  **Access to educational activities, leisure facilities, cultural activities and specialist support services.**  **Also, consider the reduced exposure to influences from their previous placement (home address) which may have increased the risk of harm to the children.** | The home is situated in a semi-rural location which hosts an abundance of outdoor activities such as walking, horse riding and ample places to play sporting games as there is a playing field and park adjacent to the home.The Peak District National Park is within easy driving distance of the home as well. The home has a therapist working on site who works closely with the children and staff team and the children that live with us have the opportunity to revert back to childhood without negative influences from others from their past.  Despite the semi-rural location, the home is less than ten miles away from 2 major cities, Nottingham and Derby, allowing our children access to shops and social facilities such as cinemas, leisure centers, ice-skating and bowling, to name a few.  St Michael's Church (Church of England), is located in the village and holds regular services through the week. There are Mosques, Roman Catholic churches and Synagogues in Derby, Long Eaton and Nottingham so the cultural and faith needs of the young people can be easily met if required. |
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**Consultation with appropriate local services / agencies:**

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| **Police** | Need to contact PPU and local officers  PCSO Karen Pykett?? |
| **Local Safeguarding Partnership** | The manager and staff will contact safeguarding children’s partnerships as required and attend training workshops in relation to safeguarding. No concerns have been raised in relation to the home's location.  <https://derbyshirescbs.proceduresonline.com/> |
| **YOS** | The home will liaise closely with the youth offending service should this become necessary.  [**https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/social-health/children-and-families/youth-offending-service/youth-offending-service.aspx**](https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/social-health/children-and-families/youth-offending-service/youth-offending-service.aspx) |
| **Education** | As an organisation we have our own registered school, and have a Virtual Head, who assists in ensuring children placed at the home have access to full educational support packages. There is a school on site for the young people to attend. The school will also be admitting day pupils. |
| **Health Services** | **Derby City (Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust):**  Children in Care Nursing Service, Sinfin Health Centre, Derby, DE24 3DS  Tel: 01332 888 040 Ext: 88529, 88530, 88531 or 88520  Secure email address: [dmh-tr.derbycica@nhs.net](https://mail.google.com/mail/?view=cm&fs=1&tf=1&to=dmh-tr.derbycica@nhs.net)  Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm  **Derbyshire 5-19yrs (Chesterfield Royal Hospital):**  Children in Care Health Team, Clay Cross Clinic, Clay Cross, S45 9EE  Tel: 01246 868 868 Secure email address: [CRHFT.cichealthteam@nhs.net](https://mail.google.com/mail/?view=cm&fs=1&tf=1&to=CRHFT.cichealthteam@nhs.net)  Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm  The Derby and Derbyshire CCGs host two Designated Nurses for Looked after Children, one aligned to Derby City and the other to Derbyshire.  The Designated Nurse for Looked After Children's role is pivotal in the strategic planning, quality assurance and performance monitoring and is essential in advising on the provision of services for vulnerable Looked After Children and Care Leavers within the health economy (RCN 2015). The two Designated Nurses are available for general advice and support in relation to Looked after Children (not child specific), responsible commissioning queries, to act as an advocate for Looked after Children, placement/adoption notifications and general support to professionals regarding this vulnerable group of children and young people.  **Designated Nurse for Derby City:** Heather Peet, Safeguarding Team, Cardinal Square, 1st Floor East Point, 10 Nottingham Road, Derby, DE1 3QT  Mobile: 07825 863 091 Secure email: [ddccg.lac@nhs.net](https://mail.google.com/mail/?view=cm&fs=1&tf=1&to=ddccg.lac@nhs.net)  **Designated Nurse for Derbyshire:** Alison Robinson, Safeguarding Team, Scarsdale, Nightingale Close, Chesterfield, S41 7PF  Mobile: 07825 274 196 Secure email: [ddccg.childrenincare@nhs.net](https://mail.google.com/mail/?view=cm&fs=1&tf=1&to=ddccg.childrenincare@nhs.net) |
| **Other:** | derbys-fire.gov.uk  Nearest fire station: Long Eaton, 2.6 miles from home |

**Collection of Publicly available local data: Crime Map and Map of levels of Deprivation**

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| **Crime Map:** | No reported crimes within a one mile radius within the past year of available stats. |
| **Map of Levels of Deprivation** | Representative figures for the local area show that the majority of households in the area are owned outright or with a mortgage with only a small percentage of council or other social housing being present. There is very little unemployment in the area and a large population of the residents appear to be retired or working full time or on a self-employed basis. |
| **Local Safeguarding Partnership:** | Derbyshire safeguarding children’s partnership is the key statutory mechanism that brings together representatives of each of the main agencies and professionals responsible for promoting the welfare and safety of children and young people in Derbyshire is an inter agency forum for agreeing how the different services and professional groups should cooperate to safeguard children and for making sure that arrangements work effectively to promote better outcomes for children.  Derbyshire safeguarding children’s partnership can be contacted for further information on www.ddscp.org.uk  Additional contacts and to make a referral contact:  **Based at:**  **184 Kedleston Road**  **Derby**  **DE22 1GT**  **Postal address is:**  **Derby and Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Partnership**  **The Council House**  **Corporation Street**  **Derby**  **DE1 2FS**  **email:** [**ddscp@derby.gov.uk**](mailto:ddscp@derby.gov.uk)  **tel: 01332 642351** Procedures can be found on line at <https://www.derbyshirescbs.proceduresonline.com> |

**Summary of key questions to be answered:**

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| **Does the home's location support effective safeguarding?** | The home is situated in a small market town in a semi-rural location. The crime statistics for the area are very low and the home has signed up to the Derbyshire Constabulary Smart Alert Service. Derbyshire Alert is the community messaging system for the whole of Derbyshire. This allows us to receive messages about the local area, but also allows us to feed back information to our local policing teams to help them better look after our neighbourhood. Details for this can be found at <https://www.derbyshirealert.co.uk/> |
| **What risk assessments specific to the location are in place to ensure safeguarding is effective?** | All staff are aware of the procedure if a child absconds from the School / home. All local neighbours and the nearest public house / shops have the phone number of the area manager and the home if a child arrives.  The school / home has a minimum of three vehicles on site. |
| **Can children access services to meet the needs identified in their care plan / placement plan?** | Each child who is admitted to the home is allocated a key worker and a co key worker. These ensure that the child is registered with the local dentist, doctors and opticians. The social worker will agree to medical consent regarding the child and also agree for therapy input which is required by the home. The manager and key workers will identify what individual needs are to be met of the child and the home will work towards these. The needs of the child will be addressed during staff support sessions with the therapist, team meetings and handovers to achieve positive outcomes for the child. The home supports the children to access daily education on a full-time basis.  The school links into all relevant services to support education. |
| **What is in place to support access to services to meet children's needs?** | The home has a good staff to children ratio to help meet their individual needs. The children are transported to appointments, activities, contacts and any other requirements. The home can access in house therapy (art therapy, psychotherapy, play therapy, cognitive therapy) and also delivers counselling and anger management. There is full time education based on site in four separate classrooms. The home will use the school nurse, CAMHS, Sova Bernardo’s and any other required outside agencies to help meet the children’s needs. |
| **Do Local Safeguarding / Police / Placing LA's think the location is appropriate?** | The home provides a safe and nurturing environment for the children to live and develop. The home is aimed at younger children, generally around nine to twelve years old. The location of the home helps to keep young people safe. The nurturing environment of the home enables the care education teams to help develop the child. This is evident in very low incidents of restraint, missing from care episodes, safeguarding issues and involvement with the police. The home has good success in children moving on to foster care placements, mainstream education and if possible, back home to their family.  The relevant LA’s fully support the location of the site for education and residential placements. |
| **Are the premises appropriately and suitably located to match the Statement of Purpose of the home and children's needs?** | Yes, the home provides a safe and nurturing environment where both the care and education teams can meet their individual needs whilst achieving positive outcomes. The manager of the home with discussion with health professionals will ensure the home's location and design promotes children's health, safety and wellbeing and avoid factors such as excessive location and areas that present significant risks to the children. |

**The risk assessments identified below are examples of the type of risk assessment we would use. As stated above, some would be generic, some individualised to the needs of individual young people.**

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| **Work Activity** | **Person at Risk** | **Hazards** | **Risk** | **Risk Control Measures**  **supportive strategies** | **Residual Risk** | **Person Responsible** |
| **Young person running away** | Children, staff and community | Children may abscond from the home and become at risk from harm | M/L | 1) All children are closely monitored while on site, if a child walks off site they are actively followed by a staff member.  2) All staff are aware of the missing from care procedure.  3) staff have a good local knowledge of the surrounding area  4) all local neighbours have the phone number of the manager and the home | L | Manager and care home staff |
| **Access to Education** | Children | Children may not be able to access the onsite school | L | Education is provided in our onsite school which is registered with the DfE. This ensures education is always accessible. There are weekly health and safety checks to ensure the site remains safe for use at all times. | L | Manager, care home staff and teaching staff |
| **Access to Specialist Services – CAMHS etc** | Children | Children may not be able to access specialist services | L | 1) sufficient staffing levels are in place to ensure that all children are able to attend all appointments  2) sufficient numbers of vehicles are on site to ensure that children attend appointments | L | Manager and care home staff |
| **Access to leisure activities** | Children, staff | Children unable to attend activities | L | 1) sufficient staffing levels are in place to ensure that all children are able to attend all group and individual activities  2) sufficient numbers of vehicles are on site to ensure that children can attend individual and group activities and the vehicles are well maintained  3) all activities will have a suitable assessment of risk in place | L | Manager and care home staff |
| **Emergency services access to home** | Children, staff | Emergency services unable to locate the home | L | The home is not difficult to access via the road networks. It was previously a care home for the elderly and as such was known to local emergency services. |  | Manager and care home staff |
| **Access to Medical support** | Children, staff | Children unable to attend appointments / emergency services unable to locate the home. | L | 1) sufficient staffing levels are in place to ensure that all children are able to attend all appointments  2) sufficient numbers of vehicles are on site to ensure that children attend appointments  3)The local ambulance service is aware of the home's location. | L | Manager and care home staff |
| **Access to transport links** | Children, staff, visitors | Public transport links are easily accessible to the home | L | There are a number of bus routes that pass through the village connecting to Derby and Nottingham. There is a train station at Long Eaton and Spondon. The home has adequate transport available on site to facilitate in the case of disruption to public transport. | L | Manager and care home staff |
| **Risk of being exposed to criminalised behaviour in community** | Children, staff | Children at risk from outside influences | L | The crime statistics for the area are low. Children will be supervised when out of the home, Any free time will be based on an appropriate assessment of risk | L | Manager and care home staff |
| **Risk of being exposed to CSE** | Children, staff |  | M | The children will be supervised when out of the home. Any use of the internet or mobile phones will be risk assessed and monitored where deemed necessary. Any suspicious activity such as suspicious vehicles / people around the home or surrounding area are immediately reported to the police. | L | Manager and care home staff |
| **Railway danger** | Children, staff | Children being struck by trains | M | A train line runs through the village from Derby to Nottingham, however there is no public access to the train line. There is no station in the village and one level crossing approx 2 miles from the house. This is guarded by CCTV and a level crossing. There is no public footpath on the road where the crossing is situated and so wouldn't be a usual walking route for children or staff. Children would be supervised whenever they are outside of the home. | L | Manager and care home staff |
| **Building work** | Children, staff, visitors | Children, staff and visitors may be harmed by building work. | M | Any building work that may take place once the home is opened will be appropriately risk assessed. Children will not be allowed access to any building areas and a high level of supervision is to be maintained. | L | Manager and care home staff |
| **Substances being dealt in the area.** | Children, staff | Children may have access to drugs or witnessing drug taking | M | The crime for the area is low. Regular meetings with the local PCSO will determine if this becomes a problem in the local area. Children will be supervised whenever they are out of the home. | L | Manager and care home staff |
| **Risk of radicalisation in the area.** | Children, staff | Children may become radicalised | M | As with other crime issues, this does not seem to be an issue at present in the local community. The home will discuss this on a regular basis with the PCSO and also engage with the local PREVENT team. | L | Manager and care home staff |
| **Risk of County Lines.** | Children, staff | Children may be exploited by gangs into trafficking drugs | M | This does not seem to be a problem at the present time, however staff will remain vigilant around gangs and groups in the local community and liaise closely with the PCSO for the area. | L | Manager and care home staff |
| **Residual risk is the level of risk remains after suitable and sufficient control measures are introduced.** | | | | | | |
| **Completed by** | M. Wilson | **Manager Sign** | M.Wilson | | **Date** | 18.12.2023 |