



Location Risk assessment Vitality Care Croft House

Location: Croft House, Station Road, Alton, Staffordshire, ST10 4BY

Date of assessment: 15/01/2018

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Completed by: Rachel Harris

Location Assessments address two issues;

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

The children's homes regulations 2001 as amended introduced a requirement in January 2014 for providers or managers to;

Ensure that the premises used for the purposes of a children's home are appropriately and suitably located so that children care for by the home are effectively safeguarded and able to access services to meet the needs identified in their care or placement plans; review the appropriateness and suitability of the location of the premises at least once in every calendar year.

This location assessment assesses the Alton area of Staffordshire to establish, as far as reasonably practicable, that Croft House is used for the purposes of a registered three bedded children's home and is in an appropriate and safe and suitable location.

This assessment will assist in evidencing that arrangements and strategies are in place to safeguard young people and identify services in the area to assist the team in supporting and meeting individual needs of young people.

Information has been collected from other agencies either through data sharing website and writing to local agencies. The data sharing websites used to find information are:

www.staffordshire.police.uk

www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk/1510.asp

www.uhnm.nhs.uk

<http://www.crime-statistics.co.uk/postcode/>

ST10 4BY lies on Station road in Alton Stoke on Trent which is located in the Alton electoral ward within the Staffordshire Moorlands local authority district. The Clinical commissioning group is NHS North Staffordshire and the police force is Staffordshire.

Assessment No: 1	Location: Croft House	Further assessments required:	Persons involved in or affected by the task:	Special groups: (where individual assessments will be
Assessment Date: 15/01/2018	Assessor's Name: Rachel Harris	-See Individual Risk	- Young People	

Task Assessed: Area Risk Assessment			-Assessments and -Chronologies of -Significant Events	- Members of the public. - Multi Agencies - Staff & Visitors	required) - Young person's individual Risk Assessment. - Safeguarding (sources of information) - Education and Health Services - Local Services - Risk Matrix -CSE and Missing
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Work Activity	Hazard, hazardous event and expected consequence Disadvantages	People affected	Assessment of Risk Likelihood x consequence =	Risk level	Risk controls required?	Risk controls in place Positive Features and Factors Opportunities Advantages	Assessment of risk after controls are in place Analysis
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Location/Area of the home	<p>Croft House is located in a rural setting of Alton, Staffordshire Moorlands District local authority area.</p> <p>There are 5 Bus stops near to the house, however the nearest stop is The Old Mill, Farley Lane approximately 32m away. (This is to be considered when a young person with a history of absconding is admitted to the home)</p> <p>-The home is set in a rural area (consider missing person risks, personal safety, mental health and</p>	<p>-Young people</p> <p>-Staff</p> <p>- Visitors & Members of the public</p>	4 x3=	12	Yes	<p>-Detached House with privacy</p> <p>-Social Inclusion for the young people.</p> <p>'-Family environment with no disruption from neighbours or the local community.</p> <p>-Introduction to semi-independence.</p> <p>-1:1 staff supervision and monitoring.</p> <p>-On-call management.</p>	3 x 3 =9
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	<p>history/background)</p> <p>There are 3 post boxes near to ST10 4BY Alton Towers, Hay Lane and Cotton</p> <p>The nearest sports facilities are St Peters C of E First School pitch, Alton Village Hall grass pitches and Oakamoor Cricket Club Sports Ground.</p> <p>The nearest schools are;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. St Peters C of E ST10 4AW 2. Denstone College, Uttoxeter ST14 5HN 3. The Valley 					<p>-Staff trained in Safeguarding and Behaviour Management</p> <p>-Opportunities to become semi-independent by introducing ASDAN, college, work experience, CV writing, interview techniques.</p> <p>-Local amenities are nearby and can be travelled to via the homes vehicle however, there are local village stores within walking distance.</p>	
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	<p>Primary School, Oakamoor ST10 3DQ</p> <p>GP surgery's Alton Surgery, Hurstons Lane ST10 4AP 01538 704200 or; Mill View, Uttoxeter ST14 5JX 01889 590208</p> <p>Nearest hospital is Cheadle 4 miles away</p> <p>The nearest train station is 6 miles away...Uttoxeter rail station, secondly Blythe Bridge station 7 miles away.</p> <p>The nearest bus station is Spot on Snooker 16 miles</p>					<p>-Churches and places of worship are 0.32 kilometres away... St Peters and Holy Trinity.</p> <p>-Tesco and Asda are 6-9 kilometres away.</p> <p>-The nearest City Centre for retail shopping and leisure pursuits is 14 miles away however, the popular attraction of Alton Towers is in walking distance from Croft House.</p>	
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	<p>away.</p> <p>Eating out... Alton Castle and Ramblers Retreat both have food standard hygiene ratings of 5!</p>					<p>-Staff follow Care Plans, Policies and Procedures of the home and placing authority when considering a young person for placement at Croft House.</p>	
<p>Characteristics of the home:</p>	<p>-Distance from the individuals local authority....</p> <p>This can be a barrier for the individual due to distance from home town, family and friends.</p> <p>-Diversity, culture, religion and beliefs can be a barrier.</p>	<p>-Young people -Staff - Visitors - Member s of the public</p>	<p>4 x 3=</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>YES</p>	<p>-Detached House/Safe and secure building</p> <p>-A new beginning and chapter for all individuals and seen as an opportunity to find identity and develop in life.</p>	<p>3 x2 = 6</p>

						<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Minimising risks by staff supervision and monitoring.-Removing the individual from negative influences enabling work and education around personal safety, sexual health, bullying, harm reduction, relapse prevention.-Building positive appropriate relationships.-Fulfil hobbies and interests.	
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						<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Focus on the individuals needs such as health, education and safety.-Positive Role Models. Mentors/Advocates/ Key workers.-Transition from starting point of placement to end of placement...'closing the gap'.-Life Story work including chosen faith, religion and culture etc.-Follow policies	
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						<p>and procedures of the home.</p> <p>-Young people are matched and deemed compatible prior to admission.</p>	
Local Neighbourhood	<p>-Is the child a victim of abuse?</p> <p>-Does the child abscond/go missing/ a concern for safety?</p> <p>-Are there any anti-social behaviours associated with the young person?</p> <p>-Look at background, triggers of behaviour, attitude and behaviour around peers and adults.</p>	<p>-Young people</p> <p>-Staff</p> <p>- Visitors</p> <p>- Member s of the public</p>	4 x 3=	12	YES	<p>-Gather all information in relation to history of criminal offences, behaviours, mental health, health, education, family history, education, safety, culture, religion.</p> <p>-Focus on meeting health needs to include</p>	3 x2 = 6

	<p>The crimes around a 1 mile radius of ST10 4BY show that there were 14 crimes reported in October 2017, There were 17 crimes reported back in May 2017. A small percentage was violent crime and other crime included theft.</p> <p>Anti-social behaviour was reported in April 2017 along with criminal damage and a Burglary.</p>				<p>CAMHS, Medical appointments', Sexual Health, AIM Assessments and weekly visits from the homes Therapist/Counsellor</p> <p>-Introduce life story work and self- esteem building.</p> <p>-Build positive relationships. - Follow up all disclosures; notify Ofsted the Local authority and Local Safeguarding</p>	
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Environmental Factors	<p>-A rural area with the house located off a main road with alarms on gates to access the house.</p> <p>-opposite the road is a water valley/river which needs to be considered for all admissions and risk assessing weather. This is the River Churnet. The water is affected by overhead power lines separated by a stone bridge.</p> <p>The river is used for fishing however, not to fish within 30 meters of power</p>	<p>Young people</p> <p>-Staff</p> <p>- Visitors</p> <p>- Member s of the public</p>	4 x 3=	12	YES	<p>-Staff supervision and monitoring. See below for information gathered from the SPOC and PCSO in relation to areas in which to avoid where possible.</p> <p>-Meetings are held with Staffordshire Police for the areas Care Home's Managers.</p> <p>-Policies and procedures of</p>	3 x2 = 6

	<p>lines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -surrounding the area are woodlands with lots of trees and greenery. Again needs consideration for all admissions and risk taking behaviours. -A restaurant within walking distance -20 children's homes known in the Staffordshire Moorlands -There are less than 4 broadband connections in the area. -According to the data, the home is of a 				<p>the home to be followed and adhered to for guidance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Multi-Agency work is conducted and sharing of information regarding the environment and community is regularly undertaken. -River Churnet...The water is only to be approached by footpaths and all gates are closed after use. -Parking on 	
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	<p>medium risk of flooding from rivers and sea.</p> <p>The home is in close vicinity to the popular theme park Alton Towers which must be considered during referrals. The theme park attracts all ages, gender and backgrounds with visitors from all over the country.</p>					<p>authorised car parks only.</p> <p>-all juveniles to be supervised by adults.</p> <p>-permit needed to fish.</p> <p>-a full risk assessment will be followed when any young person visits the theme park to include boundaries and supervision.</p>	
<p>Location Assessment</p> <p>See below</p>	<p>Does the area influence or attract vulnerable children to be a victim of crime, gang crime, anti-social behaviour, radicalisation, abuse,</p>	<p>-Young people</p> <p>-Staff</p> <p>- Visitors</p> <p>- Member</p>	3 x 3	9	YES	<p>-Positive features and factors include the progress and development of the young person through</p>	3 x2 = 6

	<p>neglect, runaways/missing persons/ absconding?</p> <p>Yes to vulnerable children and young people.</p>	<p>s of the public</p>			<p>staff support.</p> <p>-In addition, the home will provide a nurturing environment where basic needs will be met such as food, shelter, health, education and safety.</p> <p>-Opportunities to learn and gain new skills socially, physically, emotionally and academically.</p> <p>ASDAN Aims Assessments Therapy/Counse</p>	
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					<p>ling Behaviour will be monitored.</p> <p>Incentives and rewards are in place.</p> <p>Measures of Control, Restorative Justice and Behaviour Management programs include anger management, personal safety, harm reduction, sexual health and tackling substance misuse.</p> <p>The views of young people are encouraged and</p>	
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					considered for welcome packs and YP meetings.	
					Rules and boundaries are in place.	

LIKELIHOOD					CONSEQUENCE						RISK RATING TABLE	
1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5		1-4 Acceptable	5-9 Adequate

Very unlikely 1 in a million	Unlikely 1 in 100,000	Fairly likely 1 in 10,000	Likely 1 in 1000	Very Likely 1 in 100		Insignificant No injury	Minor First aid needed	Moderate Up to 3 days absent	Major More than 3 days off	Catastrophic Death	10-16 Tolerable	17-25 Unacceptable
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Publicly Available Local Data

CEOP (Child Exploitation Online Protection)

[Ceop.police.uk](http://ceop.police.uk)

This is a command of the national crime agency and provides information on internet safety, missing persons, child protection networks such as thinkuknow.co.uk and internet guides- webcam.

75% of the most wanted sex offenders have been found through Crimestoppers.

CEOP's Thinkuknow programme provides educational resources. It helps to empower and protect young people from harm of sexual abuse and exploitation both online and off.

CATCH 22 offer a service for return to home interviews for the young people who are independent to the police and social services. CATCH 22 offer alternate services for CSE related issues and work with the young people and staff to reduce risks.

SSCB (Staffordshire Safeguarding Children's Board)

Chelsea's Choice is a resource/theatre play and session that highlights the seriousness of child exploitation. This raises awareness for all young people and the play can be targeted to young people, parents, carers, teachers, professionals working with children and the police.

The SSCB website provides information on how we can all work together to promote and safeguard the welfare and protection of all young people. It includes useful information such as how to make a child protection referral and updates on policies and procedures, E-Safety awareness and training resources.

There is Youth box information for young people which is a website that offers advice on how to deal with problems and issues an individual may be experiencing.

CAF (Common Assessment Framework) is an assessment capturing the Child's needs. It ensures all services work in a co-ordinated way. CAF is used when there is a concern of health, development, welfare and behaviour.

In the last 4 years the SSCB has completed 3 serious case reviews which is now published and it aims to embed good practice and improve front line practice.

Consultation with Appropriate Local Services

The homes local PCSO/ SPOC is

Area Care Homes Managers meetings are held quarterly with the local Police and the area's local authority.

The home will notify the areas local authority of any young person's admission to the home who are from out of area. In addition, as Croft House is a new children's home the local authority will be notified of the address, premises and purpose of business.

The home follows and completes the CSE Risk Factor Matrix for all young people admitted to the home.

RISKY AREAS & HOT-SPOTS:

HANLEY PARK:

- The toilets on Regent Road has a lot of sexual activity.
- The wall by the bowling green has a total blind-spot and a couple of sexual assaults have taken place here.
- There is a group of Eastern European males who are known to target young girls.

LONGTON:

-People are meeting at McDonald's & Pizza Hut, going on the train- tracks for sexual activity, then freshening up in Tesco toilets.

Known risky areas will be shared at the forums to enable us as professionals to risk assess accordingly and match any young

person in placement.

RISKY PEOPLE:

-held confidentially but staff are aware of known names and will report to the police should there be a concern.

The Manager will attend Northern Providers Multi-Agency forums which focusses on current events such as "PREVENT" which is Extremism, Radicalisation & Terrorism highlighting signs to look out for and who to contact should you suspect someone is possibly being targeted and drawn into such groups.

Completion of Risk Assessment

Sources of information for the risk assessment have included the Local Police, Sergeants, PCSO, SPOC, Other Children's Homes Managers and the Local Authority.

Internet.

See also individual Risk Assessments of the young person.

Development of Risk Management Strategies

Services such as the Youth Services and 'Safety Net' are working with the young people in the area carrying out direct work such as personal safety and other safety schemes and workshops.

The Police are working with the parents of the young people affected by CSE to serve abduction orders.

The local Police continue to patrol the area and address issues of substance misuse, anti-social behaviour & CSE.

The homes PCSO and SPOC will liaise with the home on a regular basis to reduce and minimise risks of all individuals.

The homes Manager and/or Deputy Manager will attend the area meetings with the Police to keep up to date with hazards in the local area and how we as a service can keep risks to a minimum.

Gather relevant information from the individuals placing authority such as LAC documents, Risk Assessments, Chronologies, Health and Education Records.

Missing Person Polices to be gathered from each young person's local authority.

Update Ofsted with Notifications including young people's admissions/discharges

Update the local authority of out of county young people and location of the new home Croft House.

Staff training to include: Safeguarding, Fire Safety, First Aid, Basic Food Hygiene, Behaviour Management, Attachment and Trauma.

Staff team meetings and supervisions.

Staff to encourage and support the young people to engage in Education, Further Education and Independence.

Staff to support the young people to live a healthy lifestyle by ensuring a balanced diet, medical appointments is met including individual health support such as CAMHS.

The home has a weekly therapist who deals with Cognitive Behavioural Therapy and addresses emotions, attachments, abuse and anxiety.

Educational Facilities on offer such as school, college, work placements, functional skills, Princes Trust, outdoor activity-based learning.

Young people will be encouraged to pursue hobbies and interests.

The above identified risks of the local area will deem difficult to RESTRICT but we as a service can LIMIT access through planning and risk assessment.

Sources of Local Information

Safeguarding:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Information Source</u>	<u>Local Contact</u>
<u>CSE</u>	<u>Police, SPOC (single point of contact)</u>	<u>To be confirmed.</u>
<u>CSE, Safeguarding, Missing from Care</u>	<u>Staffordshire Safeguarding Children's Board</u> <u>First Response Team</u> <u>MASH team (multi agency safeguarding hub)</u>	<u>First Response</u> <u>0800 1313126</u> <u>Paul Faarup</u> <u>01785 235350 (paul.faarup@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk)</u>
<u>Safeguarding concerns about Adults</u>	<u>LADO</u>	<u>Paul Davies</u> <u>01785 854019</u> <u>pauldavies@staffordshire.gov.uk</u>
<u>Area Crime, CSE, ASBO, Drug and Alcohol Abuse</u>	<u>SPOC</u>	<u>101</u>

<u>Out of county young people</u>	<u>Staffordshire County Council</u>	<u>Kelly Anderson</u> Kellyanderson@staffordshire.gov.uk
<u>Missing persons</u>	MISSING PERSONS UNIT (PUBLIC PROTECTION UNIT)	EMMA HUGHES MISSING PERSONS UNIT (PUBLIC PROTECTION UNIT) PO BOX 3167 STAFFORD ST16 9JZ You can contact your local officer by phoning their police radio. You'll need their airwave number 03959, then just dial 0300 123 2345 and listen to the instruction Police - 101 01785 232860 PPU.RISKMANAGEMENT@STAFFORDSHIRE.PNN.POLICE.UK
Fire Injury Serious incident	Fire Station Ambulance Service Police Station	Fire Station - Ambulance Service- Police Station -

Education and Health Services:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Information Source</u>	<u>Local Contact</u>
Schooling/Education/College/Further Education/Alternate Resources		
Schooling/Education/College/Further Education/Alternate Resources	Cedars, Staffs, PRU for alternate Education	01782 615678
Schooling/Education/College/Further Education/Alternate Resources	PM Training Stoke on Trent College, Foundation Courses	01782 208208
Schooling/Education/College/Further Education/Alternate Resources	Staff Moorlands Community	01538 381356
Schooling/Education/College/Further Education/Alternate Resources	National Careers Service (the young people can search for training providers themselves) And Leek College for Careers advice Entrust for Careers appointment.	Nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk
Schooling/Education/College/Further Education/Alternate Resources	LAC Nurse	Julie Capper Looked after Children

		<p>Safeguarding children's team Staffordshire partnership NHS Trust Multi Agency safeguarding Hub Staffordshire Police PO Box 3167 Stafford ST169JZ</p>
Schooling/Education/College/Further Education/Alternate Resources	Drug and Alcohol Issues	<p>Drug and Alcohol Issues T3 Stoke Young People's Drug and Alcohol Service, 46 Roundwell Street, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, ST65AN 01782221090 stoke.t3@cri.org.uk</p>
Schooling/Education/College/Further Education/Alternate Resources	Sexual health	<p>Sexual health Cobridge Community Health Centre, Church Terrace, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, ST62JN 03007900161</p>
Schooling/Education/College/Further Education/Alternate Resources	Emergency Health Care	<p>Emergency Health Care Accident and Emergency Royal Stoke University Hospital, Newcastle Road, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, ST46QG 01782715444</p>

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Feedback from previous consulted agencies:

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Local Authority Children's Services	
Police	
Probation Service-YOT	
Local Schools	

Local Health Services (including mental health)	
Local Voluntary Provision	
Other	

Risk assessment review sheet

Date reviewed	By whom and Position Sign	Any action required from this review. If so what action is needed?	Date of next review
