



Maple House Location Risk Assessment

Name of Home: Maple House	Date Plan Completed: 03.02.2024 Completed by: Dr Usman Amjid
Address – 2 Wood Walk, Royston, Barnsley, S71 4FH	

This report is completed in line with changes to the Children's Homes Regulations 2001 (as amended) and The Care Standards Act 2000 (Registration) (England) Regulations 2010.

The Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015

The location risk assessment, must be reviewed annually, involving local agencies and engaging with wider systems, as appropriate.

Maple children's care home is a spacious detached, 5-bedroom children's home, situated in the small village of Royston Barnsley.

The home can accommodate up to 3 children between 6 -18 years of age and can provide care to children of both genders.

Maple House is for children presenting with behavioural, emotional, and social difficulties and who may have suffered abuse, neglect, exploitation, and exclusion in their life. The children are 'looked after' by local authorities and for whom the best option is residential care.

The care team reflect the culturally and ethnically diverse nature of the local community and provide care and support to children in a flexible and relaxed fashion.

Maple house offers medium to long term placements. Throughout a child's placement they will be supported to help prepare them for the next step in their lives. This could be a return to family, a foster placement or support to move to semi or permanent independence. The staff at Maple House will actively encourage and support all children living at the home to attend education, support to maintain relationships with family and friends, actively enjoy and achieve, whilst ensuring that every child is protected from harm.





Supervision ratios and the provision of a key worker for each child ensures that all children receive the level of support and direction they require to benefit fully from their experience of being cared for at Maple Children's care home.

Maple House is a large; 5 bedroomed detached home. It is situated on a large, but quiet estate. There are 3 children's bedrooms situated on the first floor. In addition to this there are three bathroom/Shower rooms, a sensory room, and a staff sleep room. Situated on the ground floor is the staff office. This room will not be accessible to children and young people. There is a comfortable lounge, dining room and a games room. The kitchen is a large modern kitchen with all modern appliances. There are sliding doors in the kitchen and the dining room which lead to a beautiful back garden with lots of space for children to play and relax. Lots of light gets into the home which makes it bright and airy.

The home has a small utility room with an extra staff shower room. There is a door which leads to the side of the house. The home has door alarms on the children's bedrooms. This is an extra safety measure that has been put in place to keep the children at the home. These alarms will sound to let staff know when a young person has left their bedroom during the night. There is an alarm system in the staff bedroom and in the office where there is a second sleep space for staff, which will ensure that staff hear the children throughout the night.

The sensory room is a space for children to use, with the staff team. The sensory room has been designed to be a relaxing, chilled space for the children to use at their own leisure. The staff will promote mindfulness, emotional regulation, relaxation techniques and breathing techniques. The children will also be able to listen to music and will have the opportunity to create their own playlist using the homes Tablet.

Overall, the home is warm, inviting, nurturing, and is set within a small community. The home does not present as a children's residential care home. It is in a quiet cul-de-sac.



Popular attractions in the local area include:

The Home is situated in close proximity to Wakefield, Barnsley and Leeds. Below are some of the popular attractions in the area:

Barnsley Metrodome, Barnsley Bowl, Wentworth Castle and Gardens, Maize Maize, Ponderosa Zoo, Soar Trampoline Park, Bradford Ice Area, Barnsley Museum and Discovery centre, Xscape along with many other attractions, walks and museums.

Other local services in the village include, Royston Leisure Centre, pool and Gym, Bowling Alley and also Rabbit Ings nature reserve. There is also a martial Arts and Dance Club located in the village.

Other Services

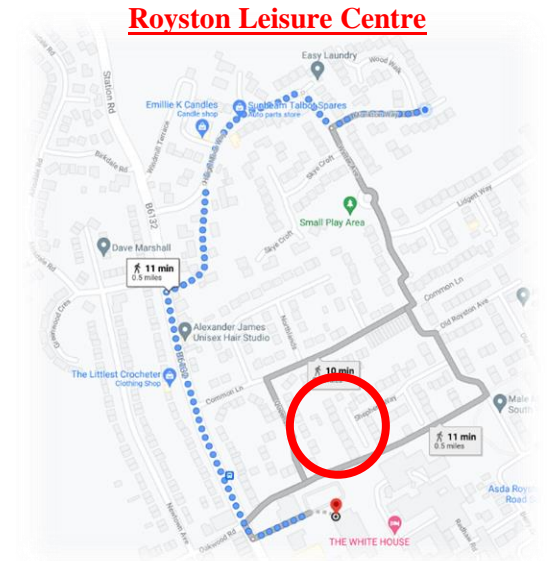
There are numerous health services located in the village such as GP Surgeries, Dentist, and a local optician. A little further afield is Barnsley Hospital which also has an A&E department. This is located just 5 miles from the home.

Other health services such as CAMHS, and sexual health are near the home and can be accessed easily.

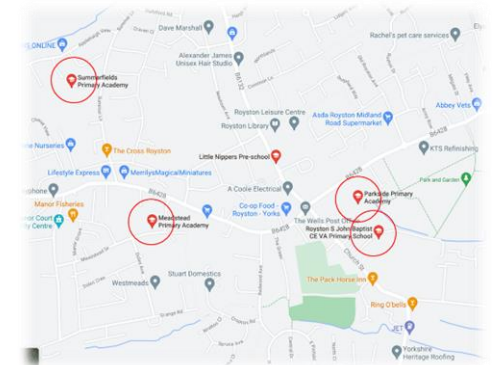
Religion and Culture:

There are a variety of local religious centres such as churches, mosques, synagogues, and Hindu and Buddhist temples within easy reach of the home.

There are Schools and Learning Support Centres available to support children moving into the home. Extensive research has been carried out prior to opening regarding education provisions and specialist education provisions.



Local Schools





Home Contacts	Name	Contact Details	Other Professionals	Name	Contact Details
Homes Manager	TBC	TBC	South Yorkshire police		01226 644876
Responsible individual	TBC	TBC	Local MISPER	TBC	TBC
			LADO	Ruth Holmes	01226 772341
Directors	Dr Usman Amjid Dr Fariha Sarwar	TBC	SSCB Independent Chair	Annette Carey (Strategic Safeguarding Partnership Manager)	TBC
Child Safeguarding lead	Robert Dyson	TBC	British Transport Police	N/A	0800 405040



Local Health Services			
Service	Contact Name & Position	Address	Telephone No
GP	N/A	Royston Group Practice, 65D Midland Road, Royston, Barnsley, S71 4QW	01226 700400
Opticians	N/A	Specsavers Opticians and Audiologists, 14 Queen Street, Barnsley, S70 1SJ	01226 771455
Dentist	N/A	Mapplewell Dental Care, Mapplewell, Barnsley, S75 6AA	01226 383703
Hospital	N/A	Barnsley Hospital, Gawber Road, Barnsley, S75 2EP	01226730000
CAMHS	N/A	Child and Adolescent Unit, New Street Health Centre, Upper New Street, Barnsley, S70 1LP	01226 644829
LAC Nurse	Tracey Jowitt Paula Walker	N/A	07867906032 07917031902
Sexual Health Clinic	N/A	Barnsley Integrated Sexual Health, Unit 1, The Gateway Clinic, Gateway Plaza, Sackville St, Barnsley S70 2RD	0800 055 6442



Any other services that can help young people in the area			
Service/School	Contact Name & Position	Address	Telephone No
Connexions	N/A	12-14 Midland Street, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S70 1SE	01226 205 686
Children in care council	Clare Holdsworth	South Yorkshire Web: shefkids	01142288556 Clare.holsworth@sheffield.gov.uk
YOT	N/A	Web: https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/	01226774986 yot@barnsley.gov.uk
Fire Brigade	Fire Service	Cudworth Fire Station 2 Tumbling Lane, Cudworth, Barnsley, S71 5SA	01142727202
Police	Sam Whitehead (Neighbourhood Police Officer)	South Yorkshire Police	101 SamWhitehead@southyorks.pnn.police.uk
Virtual School	TBC		

Other community activities and youth groups

Service/group	Contact Name & Position	Address	Telephone No
Youth club	Youth Service	Newstead Road, Athersley North, Barnsley	01226 299065
Swimming pool /leisure centre	N/A	Station Road, Royston, Barnsley, S71 4HZ	01226 722991
Bowling alley	N/A	Barnsley Bowl, Carlton Road, S71 2AZ	01226 732932
Girl Guides	N/A	Girlguiding, 41 Townhead Street, Sheffield City Centre, S1 2EB	0114 272 5557
Scouts	Barnsley Scouts	Hesley Wood Activity Centre, White Lane, Chapeltown, Sheffield, S35, 2YH	0114 2467912
Community centre	N/A	Manor Court Community Centre, West Eve Avenue, Royston, Barnsley, S71 4LQ	07976532292
Library	N/A	Royston Lifelong learning centre, station road, Royston, Barnsley S71 4EP	01226 787222
Cinema	N/A	Xscape, Colorado Way, Castleford, WF10 4TA	03303 34444

Additional Information	
Is the home in a community location?	The home is situated in the village of Royston. Local amenities are accessible.
Are there any risks to children in the immediate location?	<p>The home is situated in a very low risk area of Barnsley. The village of Royston is a small rural village with a population of approximately 10,700.</p> <p>There is a crossing at the crossroads in the village however this is a busy area of Royston . Upon researching the area, there are some concerns with drug users that appear to congregate next to the Co-op shop. There is an alternative supermarket close to the home, and children will be encouraged to use this as an alternative to the Co-op.</p> <p>There is a fishing pond located in Athersley the next village along. This would take approximately 35 minutes to walk or 15 minutes to bike to. All children who are admitted to the home will be spoken to about the dangers of water, all children who are admitted will also be encouraged to participate in swimming lessons should they not be able to swim.</p>
Is the home in a high crime area?	<p>Consultation has taken place with south Yorkshire police .The crime rates for the area are not of high concerns. Some areas within the village, with higher rates of crime that wherever possible staff will deter children from accessing. These areas are:</p> <p>Midland Road East End Crescent</p>
Are there any known gangs in the area?	There are no known CSE/CCE or Countyline gangs in the area.
Does the home have a good relationship with local anti-social behaviour groups and police?	The home aims to have a good working relationship with the neighbourhood police officer.
Any other issues identified from the data in Appendix A?	None
Consultation measure with young people	Children to be involved during children's meetings, key worker sessions and generic discussions.

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

Risks to Young People	Control Measures
Anti-Social behaviour	<p>Proactive measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The care team will monitor, record and address concerns should a child return to the home with items they are not known to possess. • Staff at the home are working together with the neighbours and community to address any areas of concern in relation to Anti-social behaviour. • Close working relationships are maintained with local police to gain regular updates on local area concerns, where there is a concern around anti-social behaviour, we will ask the local village police officer to attend the home. <p>Reactive measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children monitored appropriately to their risk at the home. Children are monitored up to 1:1 dependant on risk assessment. Time away from carers will be subject to the child's risks assessments. • Anti-social behaviour will be addressed with children during key work sessions. • Children congregating in groups close to the home will be challenged appropriately due to the perception around groups of youths and how this could appear intimidating to members of the public. • Where concerns are raised regarding a child's behaviours escalating to high risks then a strategy meeting will be held with all professionals in relation to the child. • All children placed at the home will have an updated behaviour management plan in place which will address behaviours and risk. This will be reviewed and updated accordingly.
Criminal damage and arson	<p>Proactive measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The home has a fire alarm system in place with early warning systems in the event of a fire. • The home has fire equipment in designated areas and the care team are trained in what to do in the event of a fire. • The care team and children are to be made fully aware of the fire evacuation process. • Educate children during 1:1 session regarding consequences of actions. • Strategy meeting to be held with professionals where there are reoccurring concerns.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will have undertaken all aspects of fire training prior to commencing employment within the home. <p>Reactive measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children to be appropriately monitored around the home. • Maple House will be a non smoking home. • Children will be discouraged to smoke, however if a child is smoking, they will be encouraged to smoke outside in a designated area. Appropriate bins will be provided to minimise all risk of fire. • Children will be requested to hand in lighters at night-time. • Educate children during 1:1 session regarding consequences of actions. • Strategy meeting to be held with professionals where there are reoccurring concerns. • All children who are admitted to the home and who smoke will be offered the smoking cessation service with a view to supporting the child to quit smoking. • If necessary, notification to Ofsted.
Drugs	<p>Proactive measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educate children on the effects of substances misuse. • Record information regarding the children returning with any items or leaving with any items. • Monitor children's changes in mood and behaviour. • Consult LAC nurse regarding use of drugs/alcohol. <p>Reactive measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a child has taken a substance, monitor the health and behaviour to assess if medical attention is required. • Complete a search of the home and room to ensure there are no substances on site. • Handover any substances to the police and share information with local officers. • Referral to drug and alcohol support services where required. • Children to be closely monitored and risk management to be added around free time and money in hand if substance misuse is a concern. • Key work sessions to be completed with the child.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If staff have concerns about a child taking illegal substances, then NHS 111 should be contact for further advice. 999 in the event of a serious concern for life. • If necessary, notification to Ofsted.
Robbery / Theft or Burglary	<p>Proactive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build positive relationships with key worker and during key working educate around criminal activity and the risks. • Promote positive aspiration, education, and outcomes with child. • Children to be closely monitored when in the home dependant on individual risk assessment. • Liaise with local officers around known associates and areas children may be gathering. • Management to maintain working relationship with the village police office Sam Whitehead. <p>Reactive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record information regarding the child returning with items or leaving with items. • One to one key worker sessions with the child around behaviours. • PCSO or police to come and speak to the child. • Strategy meeting to be held with all professionals. • Consult with YOT around this behaviour if involved. • If necessary, notification to Ofsted.
Violence and sexual offences	<p>Proactive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children to be made aware of risk and how to keep themselves safe. • When children are admitted to the home, the care team are to complete a getting to know you session and build relationships, part of this session is getting to know the area, making sure carers take children to local areas to familiarise themselves with safe places. • Key working to be completed around appropriate relationships and peer friendships. • Children to understand CSE risk, CCE Risk and Countylines. • Children to be educated about sexual abuse and inappropriate touch.

Reactive

- All incidents to be reported to the police by the home should children not feel able to make report.
- Professionals to be updated of all incidents.
- Safeguarding policy to be followed.
- Strategy meetings to be held.
- Children to access local sexual health clinics.
- Key work sessions to be completed regarding sexual health.
- Referral to the Local Safeguarding Children's Board.
- Ofsted Notification if deemed necessary.

Main road and Bus stop

Proactive

- Staff will show each young person around the local area to ensure that all children are familiar with the roads and bus stops.
- Key worker will build relationships with children to support Road Safety.
- Main road could be taken into consideration at referral stage for children who have a history of placing themselves at risk on main roads or who have a prolific history of MFC and CSE.

Reactive

- The care team should be fully aware of the bus times and routes so if a child jumps onto a bus/train it can be followed and intercepted – copies of bus times are to be available in the grab bag.
- Dependant on risks children are placed on a 1:1 and if they are at risk of going MFC or harming themselves in the road, carers are to follow to prevent them from being at risk. Where the risk escalates the care team will apply safeguarding measures to prevent harm or injury.
- Where there is a known increased risk within crisis, the care team are to meet with multi agencies and agreed risk management strategies.
- The staff are to have a grab bag which will hold a torch and hi-vis vests and all the details of the children who have left the home. Children have been made aware of these risks and dangers they put themselves in if they engage in this behaviour.

Risk of children going Missing from home and risk of CSE

Proactive

- Discuss with the children, make them aware of the risks and stranger danger, or the acceptance of gifts for no known reason.
- Discuss ways to keep themselves safe.
- Building positive relationships with the children to help them to build trusting relationships and to feel safe in their environment.
- Police assistance if child is at immediate risk.
- All staff will have read and understood each child's care plan and behaviour management risk plan prior to working with any child placed at the home.

Reactive

- Missing from home protocol to be followed should a child become missing.
- Notifying the Police within the specified timescales as highlighted on the Missing from Home Protocol.
- Return to placement interviews will be carried out in the event that a child goes missing from home within the 72 hours of return to placement.
- The necessary welfare checks will be carried out upon a child's return to placement.
- In the event that a child is at immediate risk of harm and as a very last resort staff will physically intervene. This will be discussed with the local Authority prior to admission to the home.



Consultation with young person			
Young Person	Comments Views	Actions to be taken	Timescale
		Views to be gained by the children on admission to the home.	Admission

Consultation with the wider community			
Body	Comments Views	Actions to be taken	Timescale
Police	<p>The 101-nationwide number will be used for any crime reporting unless in an emergency when 999 will be used. We will liaise with our local community officers and build a relationship with them and children.</p> <p>The home will remain in close contact with South Yorkshire police regarding any concerns for all children living at the home.</p> <p>Any child admitted to the home who is at risk of CSE/CCE or county lines will be reported to the police immediately should they go missing.</p>	Visit to the home to be arranged to introduce the home, share information regarding the location of the home and any concerns and to initiate and build on positive professional relationships.	
Local Missing from care coordinator	If any concerns are raised about a child or about a location, the care team and management will ensure this is passed on where appropriate through the correct channels.	Contact to be made with the Missing from care co-ordinator to introduce myself and the home. Updates to be given when children are placed in the home and communication to remain effective and open.	



Head of Services for Safeguarding	If any concerns are raised about a child or about a location, the care team and management will ensure this is passed on where appropriate through the correct channels.	Contact to be made with the head of services for safeguarding to introduce myself and the home. Updates to be given when children are placed in the home and communication to remain effective and open.	
LADO	If any concerns are raised about a child or about a location, the care team and management will ensure this is passed on where appropriate through the correct channels.	Contact to be made with the LADO ,01226 772341to introduce myself and the home. Updates to be given when children are placed in the home and communication to remain effective and open.	



Rational behind judgment that the home is appropriately located

There are no concerns regarding the area of Royston, Barnsley. Communication with local police has determined that the location is considered as low risk to children. The crime levels are low and there are no concerns with regards to CSE/CCE or county lines within the area. No hotspots were identified within the village. In addition to this the crime rate is low and there are no concerns of anti-social behaviour within the village. A monthly review of local crime rates is available online and the homes manager will continue to monitor these.

The home will continue its relationship with South Yorkshire Police to ensure the safety and well-being of all children admitted to the home. In addition to this further enquiry will be made to the Local Authority in regard to the MACE meetings which are normally held monthly. This will allow Leadership and Management knowledge of any concerns highlighted within the area, including any risky locations or individuals.

The overall risk of the location of the home is assessed as being low risk.



SCHOOLS

Schools with minimum OFSTED rating GOOD

Secondary Schools

- Outwood Academy- Royston Lane, Carlton, Barnsley, S71 3EW – Ofsted rating- GOOD 2019, 1.6 miles , 5 minutes drive from Maple House
- Barnsley Academy - Farm Road, Kendray, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S70 3DL - Ofsted rating- GOOD 2020 6.0 miles , 16 minutes drive from Maple House
- Outwood Academy Shafton, Engine Lane, Shafton, Barnsley, S72 8RE- Ofsted rating GOOD 2018 4.2 miles, 11 minutes drive from Maple House

Primary Schools

- Parkside Primary Academy, Midland Road, Royston S71 4QP - Ofsted rating GOOD (2018) 0.7 Miles 3-minute drive-
- Royston St John Baptist CE VA Primary School, Royston S71 4QY - Ofsted rating GOOD (2022) 0.9 Miles 4-minute drive
- Summerfield's Primary Academy Haigh Croft, Summer Lane Royston, Barnsley S71 4SF Ofsted Rating GOOD (2023) 0.8 miles 3-minute drive