

Proposed Use of the Property: 33 Ivy Street, Huddersfield, HD4 5RB

This property is proposed to serve as a nurturing, safe, and supportive home for one child at a time, aged between 7 and 18 years. The child will receive tailored support from highly trained staff, typically on a 2:1 staffing ratio, allowing for one-on-one care where necessary. The proposed use maintains the residential character of the property.

Staffing Arrangements

- **Support Staff:** A maximum of two staff members will be present on-site at any one time. Staff operate on 24-48-hour shifts (10:30 am to 10:30 am), reducing movement in and out of the home and promoting a stable, family-style environment.
- **Manager:** A designated home manager will oversee operations and is contracted for office hours. The manager may work remotely via Microsoft Teams, dependent on the needs for the home. There would typically be one day a week working from home and the manager is able to manage their time within the home as they see fit typically being present around the home for 3-6 hours.

Property and Parking

- The property is a semi-detached residential dwelling with two dedicated parking spaces available in tandem formation. This ensures no impact on local traffic or congestion. Please see attached file which provides evidence of the grassed area which would be tarmacked to support ease of parking. This would provide three parking spaces for the home.
- No external structural changes are proposed. Any internal adaptations, such as installing lockable bedroom doors, will be minimal and will not affect the residential appearance or function of the home.

Support and Daily Activities

The home is designed to support children with a range of emotional and behavioural needs, particularly those with Emotional and Behavioural Disorders (EBD). A therapeutic and de-escalatory approach is embedded in staff training.

Children will attend school or alternative education settings off-site, ensuring daily routines reflect those of a typical household. Medical and health appointments will take place at external locations such as GP surgeries or hospitals, further reducing activity at the property.

Professional Visitors

- **Social Workers:** Typically visit every 3–6 months depending on care requirements. However should these visits be more frequent then they would be no different to a resident have a visitor to the home for around 15 minutes to an hour during the day.
- **Other Professionals:** Occasional visits from therapists, tutors, or medical staff may occur. At times, up to 4–5 professionals may attend simultaneously for scheduled reviews, though many multi-agency meetings will be conducted remotely via Teams.
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Security and Safety Measures

- The home will include lockable doors for private areas and offices to ensure safety.
- Interlinked smoke alarms will be installed in all key areas: bedrooms, hallways, kitchen, and living areas.
- Self closing fire doors would be installed.
- The home would operate as a typical residential home however the front and rear door would have a chime to notify when opened, bedroom doors may have them installed however this is dependent on each child's care plan and risk assessment.
- Discreet external CCTV cameras will be installed for security while preserving the property's residential appearance.
- All doors would have thumb turn locks on the inside to enable easy exit in an emergency however should this not be considered safe then all staff would carry keys for the doors.
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Duration of Stay and Comings and Goings

Children from the age of 7-18 would be residing with the home and are expected to reside in the home for medium to long-term placements (typically 2 years or more), which supports emotional stability and reduces disruptions. With staff sleeping overnight and minimal external traffic, comings and goings will reflect those of a standard family home. Staff within the home would work 48 hour shifts from 10.30am day 1 to 10.30am day 3 to minimise staff changeover affecting school run and morning commuter traffic. The home would have a full staff team incorporating 8 members of staff and the manager.

Conclusion

The proposed use of 33 Ivy Street as a small residential children's home maintains the property's residential character, involves low and consistent occupancy, has no significant impact on traffic, parking, or local amenities, and will not result in a material change in the character of the property in planning terms. The home will provide essential care in a stable, community-focused environment while preserving the amenity and character of the surrounding area.