Application number: 2025/92297

Address: 102 Redwood Drive, Huddersfield HD2 1PW

Description of development:

· How many children would be accommodated? – Templar Hive Children's Home will accommodate a maximum of three (3) children at any one time.

· What is the ratio of staff to children that is required? – The home will operate on a minimum 1:2 staff-to-child ratio during the day. Additional staffing may be deployed depending on individual care needs and risk assessments.

· What is the likely level of need of the children accommodated, i.e. is there a focus on complex needs? - The home will support children aged 9–17 with mild to moderate emotional and behavioural difficulties (EBD). While the home is not designated for high-complexity or clinical cases, residents may present with histories of trauma, attachment difficulties, or social vulnerability. Children with more complex needs would only be placed if deemed appropriate through a multi-agency risk and needs assessment.

· What is the likely shift pattern of staff, i.e. how many staff (management and care staff) would likely be at the premises at any one time and when would shift changes occur? - Staffing will follow a 24-hour rota. The standard pattern includes:

- Morning Shift: 7:30am – 3:00pm (1 care staff + 1 manager on site)
- Day Shift: 3:00pm – 10:00pm (1 care staff + 1 senior on site)
- Night Shift: 10:00pm – 7:30am (2 staff – one on duty and one sleep-in staff) A senior staff could also be rota'd into this shift.
- Shift handovers occur at 7:30am, 3pm, and 10:00pm, involving no more than a 15-minute overlap.

There will be a maximum of 2 Templar Hive staff at any one time.

· What support officers would be likely to visit the property? - Visiting professionals may include:

- Social workers
- Independent reviewing officers (IROs)
- Virtual School representatives
- CAMHS or therapeutic practitioners (where agreed)
- Ofsted inspectors (announced and unannounced)
- Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) or Safeguarding officers (if applicable)

· How would visits be scheduled and would staff/support-worker meetings take place at the property? - Professional visits will be pre-arranged where possible and logged for safeguarding purposes. Staff meetings will not be on site.

· Would therapeutic care be offered on site? - The home will not operate as a clinical facility.

· Would case reviews take place on or off site? - Looked After Child (LAC) reviews and professional meetings will take place off-site depending on the preferences of the placing authority and child.

· Are friends and relatives of residents able to visit at any time?
Visits by family or significant others are by prior arrangement only, in consultation with the placing authority and safeguarding team.

· Will the property be OFSTED registered? - Yes. The home will be fully registered with Ofsted prior to accepting any placements and will comply with all requirements under the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015.

· Are children ever left alone at the property? - No. Children are never left unsupervised at the property. There is always at least one staff member present at all times, including during the night.

· Under what circumstances are children allowed to leave the property? - Children may leave the home for school, activities, or approved contact, in line with their care plan and risk assessment. Unsupervised time outside the home is permitted only when agreed by the placing authority and based on the child's age, behaviour, and safety needs.

· Would staff members be informed/aware if a child left the property? - Yes. Staff maintain continuous supervision, and any child leaving the premises is recorded and monitored in accordance with the home's Missing from Care Protocol. If a child leaves without permission, appropriate safeguarding procedures are initiated immediately.

· Is there a curfew? - Yes. While Templar Hive is a home, not a secure facility, children are expected to follow a structured daily routine that includes clear boundaries around appropriate times to be indoors. Typically, children are expected to be home by 9:00pm (earlier for younger residents), unless involved in supervised or pre-authorised activities. These times may be adjusted based on the child's age, individual risk assessment, or care plan.

· What would happen in the event of a breach of curfew? - If a child fails to return by the agreed time:

- Staff will attempt to make contact via phone or known contacts.
- The incident will be risk assessed immediately.
- If there is a concern for the child's safety or if they are absent without authorisation, the Missing from Care procedure will be initiated, including notifying the police and the child's social worker.
- Upon return, the child will be supported through a return home discussion, and their risk assessment and behaviour support plan will be reviewed.

· What security provisions are proposed, e.g. security and access controls on doors? - The home is designed to be safe but homely. Security provisions include:

- Lockable external doors controlled by staff.
- Window restrictors in appropriate areas.
- Visitor sign-in/out logs and ID checks.
- Night-time safety checks by overnight staff.

Internal bedroom doors do not have locks on the outside, maintaining the balance between privacy and safety. All measures are compliant with fire safety and safeguarding standards.

· Would CCTV be installed? - Yes. CCTV will be installed externally to monitor the perimeter, entrances, and driveway for safety and safeguarding purposes. Cameras will not be installed in private areas (e.g., bedrooms, bathrooms, or internal communal areas). CCTV footage will be managed in accordance with GDPR and Ofsted guidance and will only be accessed by authorised personnel when necessary.

· How would local residents know how to raise a concern in the event of an issue? - Templar Hive aims to maintain positive relationships with the local community. Residents will be informed of the home's presence via a neighbour notification letter upon opening, which will include:

- A non-emergency contact number for the Registered Manager
- An email address for general enquiries or concerns
- Reassurance that the home operates under Ofsted regulation with clear behaviour and risk management policies

Additionally, any legitimate concerns can be raised with Ofsted if required.