

SAFEGUARDING MANAGEMENT PLAN

(Reinforced with Local Crime & Risk Evidence)

Children's Residential Care Home

Birchencliffe Hill Road, Lindley, Huddersfield, HD3 3NH

1. Purpose of This Plan

This Safeguarding Management Plan sets out how children living at the home will be safeguarded from harm, with specific reference to **local environmental risks**, including crime, exploitation, and going missing.

The Plan has been informed by:

- Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015
- Ofsted Social Care Common Inspection Framework
- Local crime data for **HD3 (Lindley)**
- A detailed Locality Risk Assessment

2. Local Crime Context – HD3 (Lindley)

Safeguarding arrangements are informed by an evidence-based understanding of the local area.

Current crime data for **HD3 (Lindley)** confirms:

- **Lowest recorded crime rate in Huddersfield**
- Total crime rate approx. **18.2 per 1,000 population**
- **35% reduction** in crime year-on-year
- **No recorded incidents** of:
 - Robbery
 - Weapon possession
 - Drug dealing
- Anti-social behaviour incidents are **low-level and infrequent**
- Violent incidents are rare and typically **domestic in nature**
- No identified exploitation hotspots in the immediate locality

This confirms that the home is situated within a **low-risk community environment**, which positively supports safeguarding outcomes.

3. Identified Safeguarding Risks (Locality-Informed)

Although the locality is low risk, safeguarding practice assumes that **risk can arise from individual vulnerability**, not just location. The following risks are therefore considered:

3.1 Child Criminal / Sexual Exploitation (CCE / CSE)

Local risk level: Low

- There is no evidence of organised exploitation activity or grooming hotspots in HD3.
- The absence of a night-time economy, transport hubs, and high-footfall areas significantly reduces exposure risk.

3.2 Going Missing from Home

Local risk level: Low (placement-dependent)

- The local area does not present elevated missing-from-home risk factors.
- Risk is primarily linked to a child's individual history rather than the location.

3.3 Exposure to Negative Peer Groups

Local risk level: Low

- The area is predominantly family-occupied with limited youth congregation points.
- There are no known ASB or peer-related hotspots near the home.

4. Placement Matching – Primary Risk Control

Safeguarding begins **before admission**.

The home will only accept placements where:

- A full referral and risk profile is provided
- Risks are compatible with:
 - o The home's staffing model
 - o The residential, low-crime nature of the locality

Explicit Exclusion Criteria

The home **will not accept placements** where:

- There is a **known pattern of persistent missing episodes**
- The child is assessed as being at **high risk of exploitation requiring containment**
- Risks cannot be managed safely within a community-based environment

This ensures that children placed at the home are **appropriately matched to the location**.

5. Managing Risk of Exploitation (CCE / CSE)

Although local exploitation risk is low, the home operates a **zero-tolerance approach**.

Safeguards include:

- Staff training on grooming and exploitation indicators
- Monitoring of peer associations and online activity
- Clear boundaries around community access
- Close liaison with social workers and safeguarding partners
- Immediate escalation of any concerns

Risk assessments are reviewed immediately if concerns arise.

6. Managing Risk of Going Missing

Prevention

- Individualised Missing-from-Home Risk Assessments
- Clear routines, expectations, and boundaries
- Gradual, supported access to the community
- Strong, trusting relationships with staff
- Early identification of triggers

Response

If a child goes missing:

- Immediate action in line with the child's risk assessment
- Police and local authority notified as required
- Return interview completed
- Risk assessment reviewed and updated

7. Physical Safeguarding & Site-Specific Measures

The physical environment actively supports safeguarding:

- Detached dwelling with **clear, defined boundaries**
- **Perimeter fencing and boundary treatments** to:
 - Prevent unauthorised access or egress
 - Support supervision of outdoor space
- Secure private garden areas
- Controlled access points
- Adequate external lighting
- On-site parking reducing street exposure

These measures complement the low-risk nature of the locality and reduce opportunity for harm.

8. Staff Training & Supervision

All staff receive:

- Safeguarding training at induction
- Annual safeguarding refreshers
- Specific training on:
 - Exploitation
 - Missing-from-home
 - Trauma-informed care

Staff receive regular supervision and incident debriefs.

9. Monitoring & Review

- Safeguarding incidents are logged and reviewed
- Patterns are analysed to identify emerging risks
- This Plan is reviewed:
 - Every 6 months
 - Following any safeguarding incident
 - If local crime patterns change

10. Conclusion

This Safeguarding Management Plan demonstrates that safeguarding of the home on **Birchencliffe Hill Road, Lindley** is underpinned by:

- Objective understanding of **local crime data**

- **A low-risk community environment**
- Careful placement matching
- Robust risk management and supervision
- Clear physical and operational safeguards

Together, these measures ensure that children are safeguarded effectively and supported to live safely within the community.