# Location Area Risk Assessment

## Amber House




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| **Last Review Date** | **02/12/2025** |

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# Introduction – Legislative Framework

All children and young people, whether they are looked after by their local authority, guardians, carers or by their parents, need to feel safe in the area surrounding their home. Just as any parent would want to their child to live in a safe area so too will a corporate parent who places children in a children's home. Recent public and media attention has focused on the physical environments of children's homes. However, it is not always straightforward to define a 'safe' area. Whether a location is safe can change rapidly, and may depend on the vulnerabilities of particular children. Indeed, some individual children may themselves heighten risks in an area if they have particularly risky behaviours.

A home may be located in an area with some local risks, and still be 'safe', if these are managed well, arrangements are made to keep children safe, and placement decisions take account of these risks. Consideration of risks in a local area, and what steps should be taken to mitigate these, should be part of the care planning and placement decision process. Placing social workers should be responsible for assessing local risks and making judgments about safe locations before placing the child. The availability of support and services in the local area (e.g. education, health, CAMHS), as well as risk factors, should be considered before the placement is made. There has been in the past a lack of clarity about who must take responsibility for ensuring children's homes are located safely – including the roles of placing LAs, host LAs, LSCBs and providers themselves.

## Role of the provider

Better equipping children's home staff to make judgments about local risks, manage challenging behaviour, and keep children safe is an important element. Workforce training, support and knowledge is therefore critical to the success. It is acknowledged that there are limitations of mapping in capturing a 'dynamic picture' but considers that such mapping could play a useful part in the wider assessments of risk. The home's location assessment should be kept under review and amended to take into account any new risks as these are identified. The annual update will need to be proportionate and will not usually need to be carried out at the level of the initial assessment. Ofsted inspectors may take into account the quality of an existing home's manager's location assessment when evaluating the effectiveness of the home's approach to safeguarding and promoting children's welfare. It will be essential to talk with children in the home's care about the quality of life in the area to establish whether they feel safe and how to manage any risks they identify. Children will also be able to offer homes' managers valuable insights about the quality of local services.

The Children's Homes and Looked after Children (Miscellaneous Amendments) (England) Regulations 2013 introduced the following changes to the Children's Homes Regulations 2001 and the Registration Regulations:
Regulation 31(1A) and (1B) of the Children's Homes Regulations 2001 as amended introduced a requirement in January 2014 for providers or managers to:

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

## Purpose of the Location Risk Assessment

Location assessments will need to address two issues:
1. Safeguarding concerns
2. Accessibility of local services

It is important for the manager or a potential new provider to have a broad understanding of the characteristics of the area where a home is or may be located. Looked-after children placed in deprived areas, perhaps far away from the authority responsible for their care, may face disadvantage and lack opportunities to enjoy and achieve in these communities. The considerations a home manager will need to take into account, as they carry out a location assessment, may include:

- whether the location of the home influences the potential for an already vulnerable child to be a victim of crime, such as being targeted for sexual exploitation;

- whether there is a likelihood of children placed in the home becoming drawn into gang crime or anti-social behaviour in the local area;
- the suitability of the local neighbourhood as a location to care for children who may have already been victims of abuse and neglect; and
- whether there are environmental factors that would represent a hazard to children, such as locations near level crossings or busy roads.

Location assessments should also take into account any positive features in a local community that would offer benefits to children living in a children's home. For example, assessments could include evidence about opportunities for children to participate in leisure, sporting or cultural activities, or links with services that could support the child's ethnic or religious identity.

# About The Home

## Homes Address

Amber House
157 Birmingham Road
Bromsgrove
B61 0DJ

## Profile of The Home & Young People

Amber House is located the West Midlands region of England. The Home will support up to 3 young people of mixed genders between the ages of 8-17 upon admission with Emotional and Behavioural difficulties and other complex needs.

The home is situated in a pleasant residential area close to the town centre and within a short walk of local amenities including various shops, a gym, and hairdressers. There is a wide range of quality activities available in close proximity to the home. In the local area and in with a short journey of the home, there is a number of attractions such as parks, safari park, museums, cinema, leisure centre, bowling, swimming pools, gyms and restaurants.

Amber House is a well-appointed 5-bedroom property. There is a large driveway allowing for ample parking, also comprising of a large, rear garden with a patio area, grass and large shed. Amber House is furnished to a very high standard and homely and welcoming throughout. We provide 3 ample sized bedrooms for long term residential placements whose needs will be met through a fully trained a committed staff team.

There is an office at the front left of the property with a staff sleep-in room located behind a petition wall. There are is one good-sized lounge area that has a large bay window which helps the room be a light airy space. There is also a generous dining room and social area, which has 2 sets of large patio doors overlooking the garden. Leading of the dining room and social area is the kitchen. There is also a bathroom downstairs which is a staff and visitor bathroom. On the first floor there are five well-sized bedrooms including 2 sleep in rooms and two well-sized communal bathrooms. One of the staff sleep in bedroom has an en-suite bathroom.

## An Overview of The Home

Amber House is a substantial 5-bedroom property. There is a large driveway to the front of the property, allowing for suitable parking, and on street car parking is also available for times where visitors or excess staff are entering the home. The home also boasts a large garden space at the rear of the property which has been landscaped to allow for a safe and relaxed space where children and young people can have fun and build lasting memories. The team are working together to create a “quiet and sensory” area in the top right-hand corner and a vegetable patch has recently been installed where they young people will be encouraged to grow their own crops.

Amber House is furnished to a very high standard and is clean, homely and welcoming throughout. We provide 3 ample sized bedrooms for long term residential placements. There are also 2 family bathrooms on the 1st floor of the home and one downstairs toilet on the ground floor.

The open planned dining space is very generous in size and spans approximately half of the ground floor of the home. This large space acts as a social hub of activity for both children and staff. This space enables us to come together as a home and enjoy meals in a relaxed and spacious setting. The kitchen is located just off to the side of this area, and is fitted with integrated appliances and adequate storage and work surfaces throughout. This space also enables us to promote young people’s independence skills as young people can prepare and cook meals alongside the adults of the home. If we have young people who have specific dietary requirements or religious restrictions on particular food, the kitchen will allow us to cater for this with ease.

There is also a standard living room spanning the right side of the property, complete with televisions, books and games for young people to enjoy. Having this space allows for young people to have their own space where they can relax, speak with staff, complete education, watch television, play games

etc. Our dining area currently hosts a snooker table which is a great way of bringing the staff and young people together to enjoy games and tournaments.

## Security Measures

Amber House is fitted with fire doors compliant with the recommendations from the external fire-risk assessment and also has interlinked smoke/heat detectors through-out. The landing, dining area and office have appropriate fire extinguishers identified as appropriate in the fire risk assessment plan. The home has a fully fitted and maintained fire alarm panel and emergency lighting.

The home has a video camera doorbell (Ring) which offers some security for those in the home, providing recordings of detected movements to the front of the property and entries to the home. The Surveillance and Monitoring Policy lists the following purpose of the use of the cameras: to determine crime; to assist in prevention and detection of crime; assist with the identification, apprehension and prosecution of offenders; to assist with the identification of actions that might result in disciplinary proceedings against staff and young people and to monitor security of buildings.

We ensure that the surveillance complies with The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 (Code of Practice for Surveillance Camera Systems and Specification of Relevant Authorities) Order 2013.

CCTV consent is advised before any placement is made.

The home has individual bedroom door alarms fitted which can be activated to alert staff when a young person enters or exits their room. These can be activated/deactivated individually and independently depending on the needs/ risk assessments of each individual young person. In alignment with Regulation 24, these alarms will only ever be activated/in use if;

1) the monitoring or surveillance is for the purpose of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the child concerned, or other children;
2) the child's placing authority consents in writing to the monitoring or surveillance;
3) so far as reasonably practicable in the light of the child's age and understanding, the child is informed in advance of the intention to do the monitoring or surveillance; and
4) the monitoring or surveillance is no more intrusive than necessary, having regard to the child's need for privacy

Two of our current young people in placement currently require their bedroom door alarms to be activated; however, this is reviewed regularly and can be changed at any point depending on risk.

# Keeping Children Safe

Children will be given the chance to discuss publicly available local data in private with the independent person about how safe they feel in their new home and while out in the community and surrounding areas, also share where they have had issues of bullying for example in school or at clubs, these matters will be quickly addressed by the Home Manager and the team. Individual risk assessments will also inform the location assessment.

Amber House will work in partnership with the Hosting Authority, the Placing Authority, the Police and the safeguarding Children's Boards in relation to Child Protection and Safeguarding Children. These partnerships aim to effectively protect and keep children and young people safe. Whether children are at risk of or suffering harm or their welfare is compromised, this can only be resolved if we are all vigilant enough to recognise it and then take personal responsibility for doing something about it; safeguarding is everyone's responsibility at Amber House.

All staff during their induction will complete training courses such as Safeguarding, CSE, Bullying and First Aid, Health and Safety, Fire Safety, Food Hygiene, Administration of Medication and Behaviour Management. Staff will also be trained in creating Individual Risk Assessments. We believe that Amber House has extensive and robust safeguarding policies and procedures in place to manage and protect children/young people/staff and visitors.

The Manager is responsible for ensuring that all incidents involving harm or risk to the child or young person are reported immediately to our Designated Safeguarding Lead and as soon as possible to the Local Protection/Safeguarding team, Ofsted and the Placing Authority Social Worker. This includes incidents, which may have occurred (or are alleged to have occurred) whilst the child or young person is at home, away from the house, at school, clubs or on home contact visit etc.

Amber House has responsibility for every child and young person in our care and responds immediately to any situation of a child/young person being absent from the home without permission or suspected to be missing; following the location risk assessment and the information received from the local police team. Bromsgrove is not deemed to be a high-risk area, although we take safeguarding and the well-being of children as paramount.

Where children demonstrate a clear capacity to keep themselves safe, they may access social occasions and community events independently, Amber House will introduce our young people to our local police team to help build positive relationship both with-in the home and when out in the community, links are being made with:

WM fire and rescue, LSCB, CSE/MFC leads, WM Police, LADO.

All our children and young people will have individually been risk assessed as requiring the level of support required prior to admission, this will include the placement impact assessment.
Staff will be trained to be alert to potential risks and how to manage them.

We do not advertise our location in any material that can be accessed by the general public. It is important to continue to undertake safe work with children and to explore issues such as disclosing personal information online, such as, the home address or agreeing to meet someone they have talked to online. It is also important to explore healthy relationships so children develop a good understanding and also discuss sexual exploitation and the difficulties in recognising when their relationship can be taken advantage of.

With regards to children absenting themselves or going missing, staff would seek to return the young person to the safety and comfort of the home. Due to the vulnerability of the children, Amber House will endeavour to shadow children should they choose to leave the premises without authorisation.

We will ensure where a young person is deemed to have a history of being absent or assessed as being high risk of going absent, preventative measures will be considered and recorded within their Individual Care Plans and Risk Assessments.

We will work in partnerships with the hosting authority and the placing authority, safeguarding, police and other relevant agencies and the child/young person to reduce the risk and frequency of periods of absence; consider the risk of child sexual exploitation and undertake 'Keep Safe' work with the individual concerned.

Amber House is supported by the local police and the manager and several seniors who will attend meetings which include Child Sexual Exploitation and Young Missing Persons Forums.

The Home Manager will meet other care home managers on a quarterly basis with-in the area to discuss any issues concerns they may have.

## Anti-social behaviour

Amber House will consult directly with local PCSO's within the locality of the home to highlight or report any anti-social behaviour. Staff working within the home will also report any anti-social behaviour identified within the community to West Midlands police by telephoning 101 or alternatively using their websites 'Online chat' function. West Midlands police work closely with partner agencies to tackle community issues jointly. Within the home we use a range of techniques to reduce and deter anti-social behaviour. We do this by positive role modelling, direct consultation, direct community engagement, community volunteering and by ensuring each young person has a stimulating activity planner. Children and young people residing at Amber House will receive direct consultation around anti-social behaviour, including how to recognise and avoid this. The issues which will be discussed will include; littering, damaging property, bullying, gang culture and racism.

## Fear of crime

Crime figures show that often the actual level of crime is not nearly as bad as people imagine. Providing information about what is happening through police liaison area meetings is one of a number of ways we are able and aware of our community issues. Other examples of projects we are able to join are of Safer Neighbourhood Groups. Neighbourhood Watch schemes in conjunction with members of the community. The home's manager and deputy manager have reached out to the Bromsgrove neighbourhood watch scheme and is awaiting approval to join the scheme. The homes manager's involvement in this and subsequent schemes will better ensure the safety of all individuals residing and working within Amber House. It will also ensure that young people are matched appropriately to the home and locality.

## Violent Crime

West Mercia policing teams aim to promote personal safety at home and in public places. Actions include the provision of domestic abuse support services and research into the effects on minority groups. Local support services such as KRUNCH, offers advice and support to local residents around violent crime. Within Amber House, consultation will be conducted with all young people around the dangers of violent crime in a home to deter any potential behaviours. Staff working within the home will aim to develop positive relationships with young people so they feel confident to report any incidents of violent crime, or be deterred from engaging in this activity.

## Property Crime

Stepping Stones Care have installed Ring Doorbell to the external front of the home, this is for security purposes. We will openly discuss any property crime in our team meetings and young person's meetings. Amber House will have a minimum of one staff member on-site at any time. Our external doors will be secured and alarmed at appropriate times in the evening to ensure safety to all individuals within the home.

## Substance Misuse

This covers everything from abuse of alcohol and solvents to the buying, selling and the use of illegal drugs. The home will work with external services, who deliver workshops and projects to young people around substance misuse, anti-social behaviours and CSE. The home will also develop relationships with local convenience stores within the area to ensure no substances are sold to the children and young people within the home. Key work sessions are held regularly with our young people due to them all being of teenage age range around substance misuse and the effects this can have.

## Proximity Issues

The home has consulted with many of the local shops within the local area. This includes Wine Cabin convenience store, Ideal Fish & Chips, JJ's The Barbers and the local BP garage. During consultation the store owners and workers did not highlight any community issues within the locality of the home. Despite this consultation, consideration around the risks of local shops to the children and young people will still be given.

Wine Cabin convenience store or the local BP garage may pose a risk to children and young people being served for cigarettes, e-cigarettes or alcohol, therefore young people will only be able to access this and subsequent stores unattended when agreement has been made by the home's manager. The risks of young people being able to obtain substances from either provision appears low, as all substances are stored behind the till and "Challenge 25" displays are present.

Next to Amber House building work is being completed and a new building development is being built. Consultation has taken place with Company responsible for the building work and risk assessments have been shared with the building developers. Risk assessments from Building Developers have also been shared with the Home Managers. Home Manager has completed a risk assessment with control measures and who to contact in an emergency. Any concerns will be shared immediately with relevant people, contact details detailed within this risk assessment. The building site currently has CCTV in place. This does however not cover any area of Amber House. The site has safety fencing and locked gates around the entirety of the building site, to prevent authorised access.

Amber House is also located near parks and children's play areas, which could present a risk to vulnerable young people. The home will liaise with local PCSO's and the wider community to highlight and understand any potential known risks.

Consultation with West Mercia Police has suggested that the locality surrounding the home is safe and no immediate concerns were outlined. As part of multi-agency working, the home will continue to liaise with PCSO's and Children's Care Home Coordinator to ensure the safety of the home and the individuals who work and live there. It has been agreed that the local PCSO and Children's Care Home Coordinator will visit the home regularly to keep up to date with the current children in the home.

Following discussion between the manager and the Children's Care Home Coordinator, Amber House admission checklist has been updated to reflect documents that the Children's Care Home Coordinator has requested to send across within 24 hours of admission, including the Philomena documents and young people missing action plan.

## Road Traffic

Amber House is situated on Birmingham Road, Bromsgrove. The flow of traffic along this road is generally medium during the day, however the traffic does increase during peak traffic times and can become busy and congested.

All children and young people who reside at Amber House shall be given an induction into the home which includes road safety expectations. The safety of children and potential risks around road safety will be reviewed and discussed prior to admission. Any locality traffic concerns will be discussed at team meeting and with children in their young people's meetings. Risk assessments will include information as required and according to risk probability.

## Local Amenities

The home is situated in a pleasant residential area close to the town centre and within a short walk of local amenities. Amber House is on a main road and is approximately just 4-minute walk to a range of local stores, including a local fish and chip shop, petrol station, supermarkets, gym, multiple takeaways and a car garage. The home's deputy manager has introduced herself to these businesses and asked about any potential anti-social behaviour or crime activity within the area who all agreed the area was a low-risk community.

The Crabmill public house is also located 0.1 miles from the home and The Hop Pole Inn is 0.2miles. The manager has spoken to both pubs and spoke to them regarding Amber House and about the local area. During consultation, prior to Amber House opening, both PSCO Sharon Wilson-Dixon and P.C Jamie Sandison of North Worcestershire Policing Team raised no concerns, regarding crime or significant risks to the home. Consultation will be ongoing with P.C Jamie Sandison to highlight any new concerns within the area. Any new concerns within the area will be fully risk assessed and shared with the staff team and children and young people residing within the home.

# Multi-Agency Working

| Local Authority Designated officers (LADO) | | Date | Details of consultation which helped inform this risk assessment |
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| Name | Local Authority Designated officers | | Sophie Ingleby returned to work following maternity leave where she started her transition in the home 08.10.2024, An introduction email has been sent to local LADO on 22.11.2024.<br><br>POT meeting held 12.06.2025 following a LADO referral on 06.06.2025, investigation is ongoing due to be concluded September 2025;<br><br>POT meeting held 23.09.2025 following a LADO referral on 06.09.2025, investigation remains ongoing, a further POT to be arranged for November 2025. |
| Job Title | Local Authority Designated officers | | |
| Telephone | 01905 846221 | | |
| Email | LADO@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk | | |
| Address | Worcestershire County Council,<br>County Hall<br>Spetchley Road<br>Worcester<br>WR5 2NP | | |
| **Police** | | **Date** | **Details of consultation which helped inform this risk assessment** |
| Childrens Care Home Co-ordinator | | | |
| Name | PC 2168 Donna Bruton | | Sophie Ingleby returned to work following maternity leave where she started her transition in the home 08.10.2024, introduction email has been sent to local PCSO.<br><br>Sophie contacted PCSO (Iain) on 12.03.2025 to arrange a visit to the home to provide further support following a recent MFS, substance misuse. On this occasion Iain did not attend in which the visit was rearranged.<br><br>PCSO Iain smith visited Amber house 22.05.2025 for introductions and a general check-in, Iain spoke with the team regarding offering training in regards to drug and alcohol awareness.<br><br>02.06.2025 Homes Management team contacted Iain to seek drug awareness training for the team following a substance misuse where a young person brought an amount of Cannabis into the home, this has been arranged for 30/06/2025.<br><br>09.06.2025 FIB form completed and emailed to dudleyintel@westmidlands.police.uk and Donna.bruton@westmercia.police.uk as an action following MACE meeting.<br><br>10.06.2025 Updated Philomena sent to Donna |
| Job Title | West Mercia Police<br>Children's Care Home Coordinator for North Worcestershire | | |
| Telephone | 07773051040 | | |
| Email 1 | Donna.bruton@westmercia.police.uk | | |
| Address | | | |

| Local PCSO's/Other Policing contacts | | | |
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| Name | Job Title | Telephone | Email |
| Iain Smith | PCSO – Bromsgrove North Safer Neighborhood Team | 01527583750<br>07976326295 | iain.smith2@westmercia.police.uk |
| Donna Marie Bruton | Missing person Coordinator | | Donnamarie.Bruton@westmercia.police.uk |
| Simon Gallagher | Youth Engagement PCSO | | Simon.Gallagher@westmercia.police.uk |
| Neil Sharpe | Youth Engagement Police Constable | | Neil.Sharpe@westmercia.police.uk |
| Julie Ramsden<br><br>Gemma Chan | Police Criminal & Sexual Exploitation Co-coordinator<br><br>Child Exploitation Co-Ordinator \| Getsafe/CE Team D Div \| West Mercia Police | | Julie.Ramsden@westmercia.police.uk<br><br>gemmah.chan@westmercia.police.uk |

| Safeguarding Contacts. | | Date | Details of consultation which helped inform this risk assessment |
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| Name | Get Safe Team | | Get Safe is a Worcestershire name for multi-agency support and protection for children and young people at risk of Criminal Exploitation.<br><br>This Worcestershire partnership includes: West Mercia Police, Worcestershire Children First, a range of NHS health services, Education, Youth Justice, Housing, Probation and Early help services and the voluntary sector all working together with district councils and other support agencies. The Get Safe Partnership is committed to tackling Child Exploitation and supporting victims and their families who experience this.<br><br>Sophie Ingleby returned to work following maternity leave, where she started her transition in the home 08.10.2024, where an introduction email was sent on 22.11.2024. |
| Job Title | Get Safe Team | | |
| Telephone | 01905 845568 | | |
| Email 1 | getsafe@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk | | |
| Email 2 | | | |
| Address | Worcestershire County Council,<br>County Hall Spetchley Road<br>Worcester WR5 2NP | | |

| Other Services | | Date | Details of consultation which helped inform this risk assessment |
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| Organisation…….LAC Nurse Team | | | |
| Name | LAC Nurse Team | | Sophie Ingleby returned to work following maternity leave, where she started her transition in the home 08.10.2024, An introduction email has been sent on 22.11.2024 |
| Job Title | LAC Nurse Team | | |
| Telephone | | | |
| Email 1 | Email: whcnhs.snlac@nhs.net | | |
| Email 2 | | | |

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| Address | ISL Health and Wellbeing Service, County Hall, Spetchley Road, Worcester, Worcestershire WR5 2NP. | | |
| Support Services | | Date | Details of consultation which helped inform this risk assessment |
| Organisation … Worcestershire Here4YOUth | | | |
| Name | Worcestershire Here4YOUth | | Sophie Ingleby returned to work following maternity leave, where she started her transition in the home 08.10.2024 where an introduction email was sent 22.11.2024<br><br>05.06.2025 Email sent to explore a referral in regards to our recent concerns with a young person who resides at Amber House in relation to substance and alcohol misuse and awareness.<br><br>20.06.2025 Communication was had between the homes manager and the Here 4 Youth service worker, expressing they had reached out to Phoebe, in which Phoebe declined the support.<br><br>Here 4 Youth support worker has reached out to Phoebe in which Phoebe has declined any support, Phoebes file has been closed for now due to lack of engagement. |
| Job Title | Alcohol and Drug Support | | |
| Telephone | 0300 303 8200 | | |
| Email 1 | cranstounworcsreferrals@cranstoun.org.uk | | |
| Email 2 | | | |
| Address | Castle House 14 Castle Street<br>Worcester WR1 3AD | | |
| Organisation … Worcestershire Healthy Minds | | | |
| Name | Worcestershire Healthy Minds | | |
| Job Title | | | |
| Telephone | 0300 013 57 27 | | |
| Email 1 | | | |
| Email 2 | | | |
| Address | Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust. 2 Kings Court Charles Hastings Way Worcester. Worcestershire. WR5 1JR | | |

# Area Demographics

The area containing Birmingham Road, Bromsgrove consists predominantly of semi-detached housing, which can be an indicator of an affluent neighbourhood.

Health in the UK is strongly tied to age as you would expect, but the affluence of a neighbourhood also has strong influence, with deprived areas often showing poorer standards of health. Overall, the UK considers itself to be healthy - 81.1% of residents rated their health as Very Good or Good. The area around Birmingham Road is above this national average with 85.6% of residents describing their health as very good or good.

Across the UK as a whole, the gender split is roughly equal at 49% male, 51% female. This address in Bromsgrove constituency is broadly in line with those figures, with 47% male.

The address Birmingham Road, Bromsgrove, B61 0DJ is situated within the Immediate Area, which displays distinctive ethnic group characteristics:
The **main** ethnic group is White British, representing 96% of the population. On average, 72% of the population in West Midlands belong to the White British ethnic group.

The following ethnic groups have proportions **higher** than the average for the West Midlands:

- White British: 96% (West Midlands average: 72%)

Conversely, the following ethnic groups have a proportion **lower** than the average for West Midlands:

- Other White: 0.8% (West Midlands average: 4%)
- Mixed: 1.2% (West Midlands average: 3%)
- Indian: 0% (West Midlands average: 5%)
- Pakistani: 0% (West Midlands average: 5%)
- Bangladeshi: 0% (West Midlands average: 1.3%)
- Other Asian: 0% (West Midlands average: 1.5%)
- Black African: 0.4% (West Midlands average: 2.5%)
- Black Caribbean: 0% (West Midlands average: 1.5%)

# Reported Crime in the Area

The data below was published by the Police and represents incidents that were reported to them, not the crimes that were prosecuted and/ or had further action taken.

Any known local hot spots for crime have been detailed in the risk management section of this document.

From charts below, it is shown the highest figures are for violent and sexual offences. When reviewed and discussed as part of ongoing consultation regarding the location of the home it was discussed that the sexual offences were related to more domestic incidents not isolated incidents on the street.

The homes manager will consult further with the local Police, consisting of PCSO's, Police officers and the Care Home Coordinator. The Police will have the opportunity to visit the home, and provide the manager the chance to speak on matters such as gang related behaviours, children's home nearby and historical/current concerns regarding nearby residents. The home will continue to liaise with their local PCSO's and Care Home Coordinator on a regular basis with the aim of promoting multi-agency working within the home.

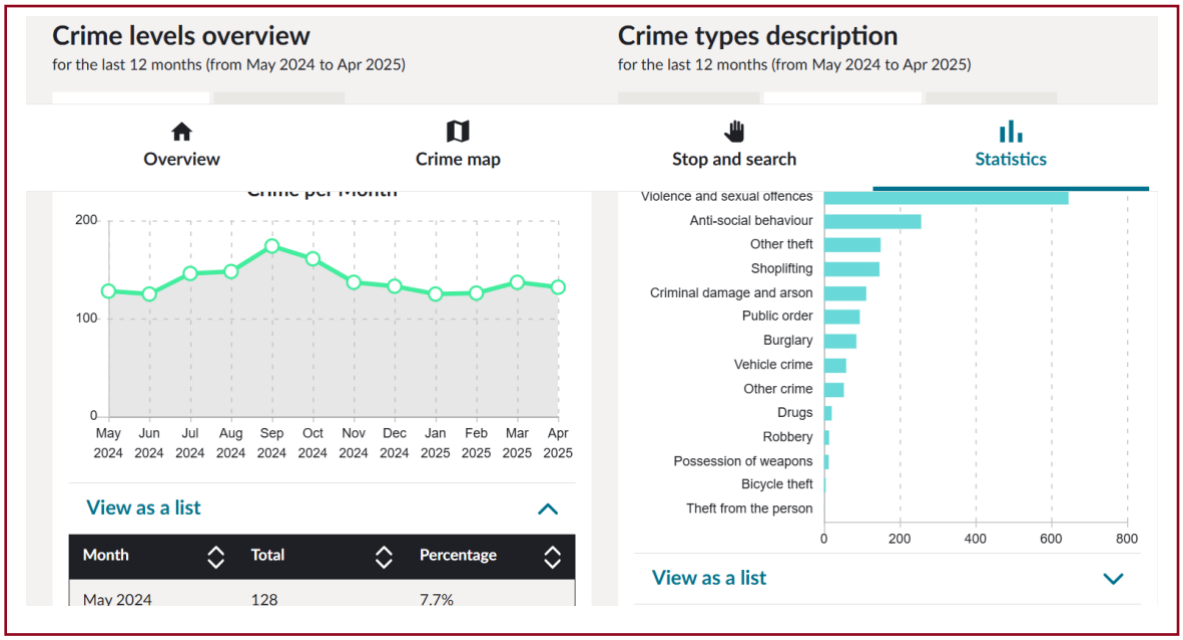
The following local risks and topics will be discussed and will be continually discussed on an ongoing basis with police;

- Location and whether it is near to main line rail station and major road network as this increases opportunity to go missing
- Other geographical features such as quarries, rivers, coastal and cliff top areas.

- Sexual exploitation. (current CSE investigation within the area)
- Location to major town or city and potential dangers of exposure to Night Time Economy.
- Exposure to drug related crime.
- Emerging trends or patterns in crime within the area.
- Existing
- Exposure to violent and acquisitive crime
- Gang affiliations/recruitment

In order to minimise risks identified the following actions will be in place to ensure risk management.

- Sufficient staffing level
- Appropriate placement matching to minimise any disruption to children in placement.
- Staff Training Advice and guidance as well as access to training courses and materials.




- Continued liaison with Local Police and review of safety plan.

# Consultation with Local Authority & Safeguarding

At Amber House, we recognise that it is essential to establish a positive and effective working relationship with other agencies who are partners with Worcestershire's Safeguarding Children Board. They include the Local Authority, Duty and Assessment Team, Police, Local Health Authority, and their respective partners.

Prior to opening the home, the home's manager had requested information from the following agencies; Worcestershire Local Authority, Bromsgrove neighbourhood watch, Worcestershire's Looked After Children's nursing team, Local PCSO's and West Mercia's Missing person's lead. Multi-agency working plays a vital role to the successes of children and young people who are looked after. The home's manager will await correspondence from the above agencies and will use the information collected to further develop this and subsequent risk assessments.

The home's manager has made links with our Local Authority Designated Officer and West Mercia's Children's Care Home Coordinator for North Worcestershire, Donna Bruton. Donna is kept up-to-date with any amendments to young people's Philomena.

# Education

| Mainstream | Specialist/PRU/Tutor Agency |
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| **Meadows First School**<br>Stourbridge Road, Bromsgrove, B61 0AH<br>Primary<br>Ofsted rating: Outstanding (Inspected: 18th March 2025)<br>Distance: 0.35 miles | **Rigby Hall School**<br>Rigby Lane, Bromsgrove B60 2EP<br>Special Needs School Ages 2-19.<br>Ofsted Rating: Requires Improvement (Inspected: 22nd September 2023)<br>Distance: 2.0 miles |
| **North Bromsgrove High School**<br>School Drive, Bromsgrove, B60 1BA<br>Secondary and 16 to 18<br>Ofsted rating: Good (Inspected: 14th June 2023)<br>Distance: 0.46 miles | **The Forge Secondary PRU**<br>215 Easemore Road, Redditch B98 8HF<br>Pupil Referral Unit Ages 11-16<br>Ofsted rating: Good (Inspected: 10th May 2024)<br>Distance: 9.6 miles |
| **Lickey End First School**<br>School Lane, Bromsgrove, B60 1JG<br>Primary<br>Ofsted rating: Good (Inspected: 4th March 2024)<br>Distance: 0.62 miles | **The Beacon Primary PRU**<br>Longdon Close, Woodrow South, Redditch Worcestershire B98 7UZ<br>Pupil Referral Unit Ages 5 to 11<br>Ofsted rating: Good (Inspected: 11th November 2021)<br>Distance: 8.6 miles |
| **Finstall First School**<br>Carnforth Road, Bromsgrove, B60 2HS<br>Primary<br>Ofsted rating: Outstanding (Inspected: 15th May 2015)<br>Distance: 0.84 miles | |

# Health Services

| Dentist | Doctors/GP |
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| 15 Chapel Street Works<br>Bromsgrove<br>Worcestershire<br>B60 2BQ<br>Phone number: 01527 872 098 | Davenal House Surgery<br>28 Birmingham Road<br>Bromsgrove<br>Worcestershire<br>B61 0DD<br>Phone number: 01527872008 |
| **Opticians** | **Walk in centre (out of hours)** |
| 131 High Street<br>Bromsgrove<br>Worcestershire<br>B61 8AE<br>Book online – www.specsavers.co.uk | Princes of Wales Community Hospital<br>Stourbridge Road<br>Bromsgrove<br>Worcestershire<br>B61 0BB<br>Phone number:01527 488058<br>(check hours first) |
| **Hospital (closest)** | **Hospital** |
| Alexandra Hospital<br>Woodrow Drive<br>Redditch<br>Worcestershire<br>B98 7UB<br>Phone number: 01527 503 030 | Russell Halls Hospital<br>Pensnett Road,<br>Dudley<br>West Midlands<br>DY1 2HQ<br>Phone number:0800 073 0510 |
| **Sexual Health Clinic (GUM)** | **CAMHS** |
| Princess of Wales Community Hospital,<br>Bromsgrove<br>Worcestershire<br>B61 0BB<br>Phone number: 01562 516398 | North CAMHS Redditch and Bromsgrove<br>The Pear Tree Centre<br>Redditch<br>B97 4BD<br>Phone number: 01527 488650<br>Service Hours: 9am-5pm |
| **Pharmacy** | **Other** |
| Knights Pharmacy<br>36 Birmingham Road<br>Bromsgrove<br>B61 0DD<br>Phone number: 01527 835984<br>Email:bham.road@knightspharmacy.co.uk | ISL Health and Wellbeing Service,<br>County Hall<br>Spetchley Road<br>Worcester<br>Worcestershire<br>WR5 2NP<br>Email: whcnhs.snlac@nhs.net |

# Transport

The area of Bromsgrove is very well connected to all major attractions and transport hubs, due to its proximity to Birmingham City Centre, Worcester and other busy town centres.

## By Rail

The nearest station is 1.4 miles away from the home Bromsgrove Station, New Road, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B60 2LX. Bromsgrove Station train station has direct routes to Birmingham City Centre and surrounding towns.
When completing consultation for Amber House with PCSO and Care Home Coordinator shared no concerns regarding the train station.

## By Car

Amber House is situated on Birmingham Road, Bromsgrove. There are double yellow lines outside Amber House and in both directions up the road, all local homes and business are sufficient parking to prevent the need to park on the road. Bromsgrove Road is a minor road type with traffic mostly consisting of Domestic travel. Although the road is mostly domestic traffic, at times, due to nature of some local business there are also large lorries that use the road and nearby business. Consultation has taken place with Travis Perkins. Travis Perkins is a building merchant that based on Birmingham Road, 0.1mile away from Amber House.

## By Bus

The home is close to a number of bus stops with direct routes into the town centre, Oakland Grove bus stop is around 0.1 mile from Amber House.

There are a number of different bus routes locally that can be found and our updated regularly on the Website. https://www.tfwm.org.uk/
These buses go to a number of different places including Rubery, Longbridge, Bromsgrove, Droitwich, Wychbold, Redditch, Alvechurch, Lickey, Frankley, Catshill, Cofton Park.

Where the home admits children and young people with absconding behaviours or experience a child with emerging absconding behaviours, the home will liaise with the community PCSO's and British transport police to ensure the safety of the child. The home will also complete consultation with all children within the home around the dangers of engaging in absconding behaviours with the aim of deterring potential behaviours.

We want our children and young people to feel confident in travelling independently, therefore through positive role modelling and guidance, we will aim to teach our young people independence skills by showing them how to use public transport appropriately.

Young people will only be permitted to use public transport independently if firstly agreed by the home's manager and young person's social worker etc.

After reviewing the local area transport links, the bus and car routes are really useful for young people and supporting them with building up life skills and learning to travel independently. We want our children and young people to feel confident in travelling independently, therefore through positive role modelling and guidance, we will aim to teach our young people independence skills by showing them how to use public transport appropriately. Young people will only be permitted to use public transport independently if firstly agreed by the homes manager and young person's social worker.

The accessibility of large towns and ease of travel from Amber house will be considered when admitting children and young people into the home. The surrounding towns accessible from Amber House all have medium to high crime rates. Children and young people who present with absconding behaviours, are at risk of CSE and/ or CCE may be particularly vulnerable due to the close transport links available.

Risks presented to young people will be carefully considered by the homes manager and relevant agencies to ensure successful and appropriate matching.

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# Privacy

Amber House has policies and procedures which relates to how all staff employed within the home provide individuals resident with adequate privacy. It states;
It is our policy that certain areas of the home need to be recognised as private to the young people resident. These areas are:

- Bedrooms
- Bathrooms/WC

Bedrooms and bathrooms are area's where the children and young people who are resident at Marble House will need the utmost privacy. Staff observe the needs of the growing adolescent for privacy and will not enter these areas unannounced or without knocking to ensure that they are empty.

Staff are reminded of the need to be sensitive to the needs of the children placed and wherever possible should have a colleague present upstairs, in close proximity, when entering children's rooms or if they are talking to a young person who, little is known about.

It is important that staff do not place themselves in a position where an act of inappropriate contact or advance can be made as this can often be misconstrued by a young person as a sign of affection and possibly give the wrong message.

Adolescence and emerging sexuality are a time of great frustration to young people; all staff will be made fully aware of this.

All young people at Amber House have their own bedrooms and can lock their doors to ensure privacy when sleeping.

CCTV is allocated on the external front of the property via Ring Doorbell.

# Review of Premises / Location – Risk Assessment

| Likelihood | | | Severity | | Levels | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Not Likely | 1 | X | Negligible | 1 | Low | 1 - 8 |
| Possible | 2 | | Slight | 2 | Medium | 9 - 15 |
| Likely | 3 | | Moderate | 3 | High | 16 - 19 |
| Very likely | 4 | | Serious | 4 | Very High | 20 - 25 |
| Almost certain | 5 | | Fatal | 5 | | |

| Identified Risk/Concern | Description of risk | Risk Management Strategies/Actions to be taken |
|---|---|---|
| **Drugs/Association or vulnerabilities & links with those who take substances**<br><br>**Risk Level = Low**<br>**Likelihood 2**<br>**X**<br>**Severity 3** | Due to Amber's location within a built-up area, there is the on-going risk of access to drugs within the area/exploitation linked with drugs/substance misuse. | - If a young person has historical substance misuse this would be identified within the matching process, risk assessments and placement plans implemented at the admission stage.<br>- The young people would be educated as to the dangers of drugs, and all others risks associated such as potential gang affiliation.<br>- The home is building a good relationship with our local PCSO's. This allows us to be informed of any significant new information regarding local substance misuse/crime concerns.<br>- If a child or young person was to have unaccompanied time with friends or family then this would be risk assessed and authorized by both the homes manager and social worker, as well as being continually reviewed for safeguarding purposes.<br>- Here4YOUth Worcestershire Family Support Service offer external support around this risk. |

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| **Close proximity to Main Road** | The flow of traffic along road is generally medium during the day, however the traffic does increase during peak traffic times. | - The speed limit for drivers is 30mph.<br>- The Home is set back from the road by a driveway and pavement.<br>- Young people are to be guided and instructed around road safety through key works, workshops and weekly meeting.<br>- During the admissions & matching process any young person who has displayed a history of risk-taking behavior near roads, or a lack of road |

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| **Risk Level = Low**<br>**Likelihood 2**<br>**X**<br>**Severity 4** | | sense will be carefully assessed by the home and placing authority with respect to the road adjacent to the home.<br>- The Home's Manager will report any concerns regarding the traffic with our assigned PCSO and Children's Care Home Coordinator. We want to make sure children are safe, the road outside the home can be busy at times and caution is needed by everyone when nearing the road.<br>- Children should not attempt to cross the road without supervision. Staff must identify road concerns and discuss with the children, and offer support and guidance about road safety.<br>- There are pelican crossing located along Birmingham Road, which allows for safe crossing. |

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| **Local Gangs/Risk of Criminal Exploitation (CCE)**<br>**Risk Level = Low**<br>**Likelihood 2**<br>**X**<br>**Severity 4** | In the immediate vicinity of Amber House, there is no evidence of gang presence. | - The referral process will seek to identify where a young person is affiliated with a gang or gang related activity and any potential placement will be carefully risk assessed in discussions with the placing authority and the home's management team.<br>- All young people will be supported to be engaged in positive activities to help them avoid becoming involved with negative influences/peer groups/gang members.<br>- External agencies will be approached by the homes manager and referrals will be instigated following any such concerns<br>- Young people will have robust risk assessments and individual agreements for free time with peers, family, unsupervised hobbies etc.<br>- Our assigned Home's PCSO and Care Home Coordinator will have close links with us at Amber House and will visit regularly to share local information and help to prevent such risk occurring.<br>- Young people will be risk-assessed dependent of their historical behaviours regarding gang affiliation when granted free time. Young people will be advised to work with relevant agencies should they present gang related behaviours.<br>- Referrals and matching process will be reviewed in conjunction with historical gang affiliation.<br>- EMPOWER U - The hub works alongside colleagues in existing statutory and non- statutory provision offering a range of services to both CIC and other children to reduce the risk of child exploitation and missing episodes. |

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| | | | - Additional support and guidance can be sourced through the NSPCC and Childrens society. |

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| **Proximity of neighbours**<br><br>**Risk Level = LOW**<br>**Likelihood** 2<br>**X**<br>**Severity** 3 | | There could be associated risks/issues with privacy, parking, noise etc. | • There is an enclosed garden area where several separate properties could see into the garden; however, some of this view is obstructed by fencing.<br>• The home has windows that all have fitted blinds to prevent outsiders from seeing in the home from outside<br>• The home is to ensure that they create and sustain positive relations with all neighbouring homes<br>• Staff to ensure they are mindful of parking issues and only use the parking provided<br>• Staff to be mindful of noise / disruption to others<br>• General good neighbourly gestures such as Christmas cards / apologies if the home has caused unnecessary disruption<br>• Manage any complaints through the company's complaints procedure and ensure this is resolved quickly |

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| **MFC Episodes**<br><br>**Risk Level = Low**<br>**Likelihood** **2**<br>**X**<br>**Severity** **3** | | The locality of the home offers the potential for young people to abscond/ to go missing, due to ease of access to local transport facilities. | - All young people will have risk management plans in place and those risks identified in this plan are evident in all other individual plans including MFC & impact risk assessments.<br>- We ensure that where possible young people have a mobile phone and that it is regularly credited to ensure that they can maintain contact with the home.<br>- The home has an effective protocol with the local missing person's unit which ensure that if young people are missing, all reasonable steps are taken to help them return safely.<br>- Ensure that our local Police MFC coordinator is made aware of young people placed at Amber House and when they leave.<br>- We will complete return home interviews and also make referrals for a 1:1 support worker to be allocated if any concerns were to arise.<br>- The home ensures that young people maintain contact with family and friends which reduces the likelihood of young people going missing.<br>- Missing monitoring form to be discussed/analysed with young people during key work sessions. |

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| | | | - Philomena is regularly reviewed and updated, which is shared with the police, giving important and specific details to the police regarding a young person who may have gone missing. |

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| **Local Parks within a 15 minute drive**<br><br>**Risk Level = LOW**<br>**Likelihood** 2<br>**X**<br>**Severity** 4 | | There is a number of parks in close walking distance from Amber House.<br>Recreation Ground 0.7miles<br>Pennine Open Space 0.7 Miles<br>Sanders Park 1mile | - Consultation took place with the Local PCSO when asked about these particular parks and they said they were considered low risk and not of concern.<br>- We will ensure our young people are supervised at this location and will complete regular key work sessions.<br>- Children having free time at any parks will always prompt for us to have a consultation with our local PCSO and any other local contacts who may be able to share any issues or concerns that we need to be aware of. |

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| **Builders Merchant near the home and large lorries/deliveries.**<br><br>**Risk Level = LOW**<br>**Likelihood** 2<br>**X**<br>**Severity** 3 | | Travis Perkins is a building merchant that based on Birmingham Road 0.1mile away from Amber House | - Consultation has taken place with Travis Perkins. (see below)<br>- The speed limit for drivers is 30mph.<br>- The Home is set back from the road by a driveway and pavement.<br>- Young people are to be guided and instructed around road safety through key works.<br>- During the admissions & matching process any young person who has displayed a history of risk-taking behaviors near roads, or a lack of road sense will be carefully assessed by the home and placing authority with respect to the road adjacent to the home.<br>- The Home's Manager will report any concerns regarding the traffic with our assigned PCSO and Children's Care Home Coordinator. |

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| **Building Development is being built next to Amber House.** | Next to Amber House building work is being completed and a new building development is being built.<br><br>**Contact:**<br>Kiwi- 07791877433 | - Consultation has taken place with Company responsible for the building work.<br>- Risk assessments have been shared with the building developers.<br>- Risk assessments from Building Developers have been shared with the Home Managers. |

| Identified Risk/Concern | | Description of risk | Risk Management Strategies/Actions to be taken |
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| **Risk Level = LOW**<br><br>**Likelihood** 2<br>**X**<br>**Severity** 3 | | | - Home Manager has completed a risk assessment with control measures and who to contact in an emergency.<br>- Staff Team will read and sign risk assessments for the work next door.<br>- Any concerns will be shared immediately with relevant people.<br>- Communication between the Home and Building Developers has started.<br>- Building developers are aware of Amber House<br>- Key Worker Sessions will be completed with all young people regarding the risks of the building site.<br>- The building site currently has CCTV in place. This does however not cover any area of Amber house.<br>- The site has safety fencing and locked gates around the entirety of the building site, to prevent authorised access. |

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| **The Spadesbourne Brook**<br><br>**Risk Level = LOW**<br>**Likelihood** 2<br>**X**<br>**Severity** 3 | | Associated risks of bodies of water and the ability to keep safe and recognize signs of danger. | - The Brook is located approximately a 5 minute walk from Amber House.<br>- Any concerns will be shared immediately with relevant people.<br>- Should a child be placed who are likely to misuse or be unsafe around bodies of water then the Brook is to be avoided.<br>- Keyworking sessions will be completed with all young people around keeping safe around water. |

# Current Young People

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| Child's Initials | FM | Age | 17 | Gender | Male |
| Local Authority | Coventry city council | | | Admission Date | 22.01.2024 |
| Are there any current locational risks detailed above that presently effect FM. | FM was in the care of sister Chelsea, prior to his admission at Amber House. FM's sister received bail conditions that impacted her ability to care for FM. FM has previously been missing from care and would frequently return to family members. It is felt that with a structured family time agreement in place this will help to reduce the likelihood of FM going missing. A Philomena report was complete upon FM's admission and spent to west mercia police and the care home co-ordinator. | | | | |
| Since admission | Regular consultations are held with Fletcher seeking feedback in relation to the local area and surroundings of Amber House. Fletcher expresses he likes the location of Amber House, where he feels it is posh. Fletcher expressed he feels safe in the local area, where there is nothing he would change.<br>Fletcher has given examples of things he enjoys most about the location of Amber House which is that location is close to shops, allowing him to walk, a quiet area where he feels safe, and there are no gangs.<br><br>The only thing Flecther expressed he would like is for the building site next door to be completed. | | | | |

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| Child's Initials | PO | Age | 16 | Gender | Female |
| Local Authority | Dudley | | | Admission Date | 01.05.2024 |
| Are there any current locational risks detailed above that presently effect PO | PO was residing in an unregulated placement prior to moving to Amber House. PO has previously had missing from care incidents when residing in a previous residential placement and feedback from PO was that this happened due to PO feeling so far away from Dudley- friends and family.<br>PO since being in the unregulated placement has not had any missing episodes.<br>Previous concerns were raised regarding the risk of CSE. Work has been completed with PO around this, and MACE was previously held; however, they now feel there are no concerns and have closed the case. | | | | |
| Since admission | Regular consultations are held with Phoebe to seek her feedback, wishes, and views regarding the local area of Amber House. Phoebe expresses that she feels safe in the local area and likes living at Amber House. Phoebe feels there is enough to do in the local area where she enjoys living close to Kingswinford. Phoebe likes that Amber House is in a quiet location and there are local shops nearby that she can walk to. | | | | |

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| Child's Initials | LR | Age | 16 | Gender | Female |
| Local Authority | Worcester | | | Admission Date | 19/05/2025 |
| Are there any current locational risks detailed above that presently effect LR | LR was previously residing in a residential placement in Wolverhampton before residing at Amber House. When LR was in previous placements, there has been a few occasions on missing which led to an unauthorized absence. when LR has been missing from care, there were no safeguarding concerns and LR remained in contact at all times.<br>Previous concerns were raised regarding allegations; safety measures are in place to reduce the risk of allegations.<br>Previous allegation was NFA due to no evidence and 1 still ongoing. | | | | |
| Since admission | Regular consultations are to be held with Lexi seeking feedback in relation to the local area and surroundings of Amber House. Lexi expressed she likes the location of Amber House, Lexi expressed she feels safe in the local area, where there are enough things for her to do.<br>Lexis has given examples of things he enjoys most about the location of Amber House, which is that the location is close to shops such as B&M, Home Bargains, and McDonald's, close to Merry Hill, and closer to her mom's home. | | | | |

# Conclusion

The locality of Amber House appears to be an appropriate and relatively low risk area in which to have a Children's home, this area enables children to be inclusive within the community and thrive through positive participation. The Home's locality provides very good access to education services, health services and a wide range of activities and amenities which can be easily accessed by the young people who live at Amber House.

The research completed in reviewing this area has highlighted risks regarding access of public transport and close proximity to higher risk towns and cities. These risks mean the area would present as a higher risk to children who are deemed as vulnerable to CCE/ CSE and absconding behaviours. This risk assessment has concluded that Amber house would not be suitable to place children and young people who are classified as high risk of CCE/ CSE and absconding behaviours. Despite these risks, Amber house appears to be an appropriate area to have a Children's home.

Consultation with West Mercia police has suggested that the locality surrounding the home is safe and no immediate concerns were outlined. As part of multi-agency working, the home will continue to liaise with PCSO's and Children's care home coordinator to ensure the safety of the home and the individuals who work and live there. It has been agreed the local PCSO and Children's Care Home Coordinator will visit the home regularly to keep up to date with the current children in the home.
Following discussion between the manager and the Children's Care Home Coordinator Amber House admission checklist has been updated to reflect documents that the Children's Care Home Coordinator has requested to send across within 24 hours of admission, including the Philomena documents and young people missing action plan.

Overall, we can conclude that the locality of Amber House appears to be an appropriate and relatively low risk area in which to have a Children's home and provides a safe and stable residential environment with good access to services.