Location Risk Assessment

Coral House



Home URN	**Awaiting Registration**
Registered Manager	**Rose Whittaker**
Responsible Individual	**Nikita Tidswell**
Last Review Date	**26.09.2024**

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. 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.

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.

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.

About The Home

Homes Address

Coral House
229 Stourbridge Road
Bromsgrove
B61 0AT

Map Grid Reference

SO 88413 95231

What Three Words

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Profile of The Home & Young People

Coral 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.

Coral 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 grass and space for a large shed. Coral House has been renovated 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 entrance porch and hallway which provides access to the staff office, staff sleep in room, downstairs toilet, large kitchen and dining area, along with 2 large lounge areas with double doors connecting to two rooms. The downstairs is spacious and airy, providing lots of light.

On the first floor there are four well-sized bedrooms and two good-sized communal bathrooms. 1 of the bedrooms is a staff sleep in room. This is situated near the top of the stairs.

There is also a laptop station situated in the living room to aid Children and Young People with any educational work they may have or to aid young people in having fun or socialising online with friends or family. Coral House is situated on the Stourbridge Road Bromsgrove, which is in the West Midlands region of England. The local authority for this area is Worcestershire County Council.

Local Amenities

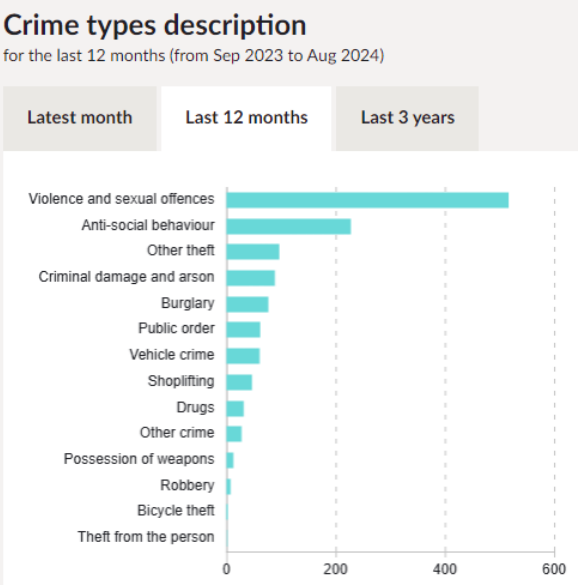
The home is situated in a pleasant area close to the town centre and within a short walk of local amenities. Coral House is on a main road and is approximately just a one-minute walk to some convenience stores and a fifteen-minute walk to a range of local stores, including a local fish and chip shop, Petrol Station, Supermarkets, Gym, hairdressers and multiple takeaways. The home manager has introduced herself to these businesses and asked about any potential anti-social behaviour or crime activity within the area. Record of all consultations that have taken place are documented

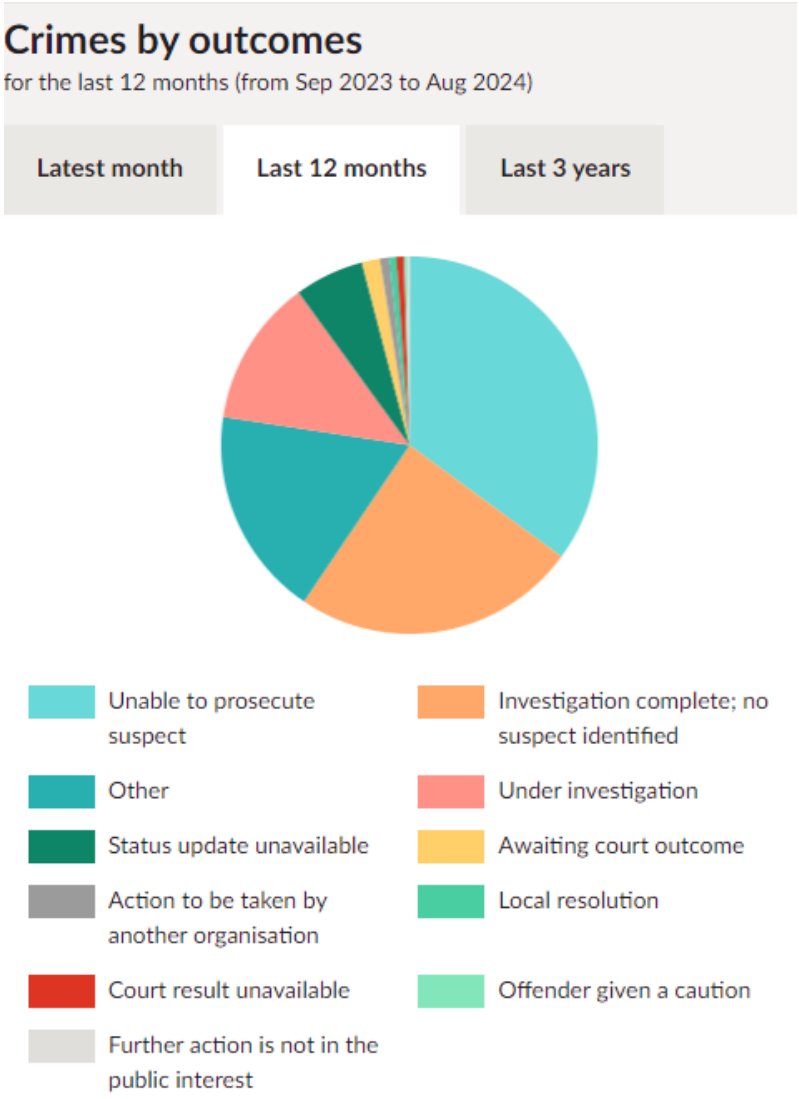
Reported Crime in the Area

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.







Analysis/Summary; From charts above it is shown the highest figures are for violence, sexual offences and ASBO in the local area. 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.

Transport

	Rail	Bus	Car
Details/summary Are there any specific known hotspots related that have been informed through various consultation/local knowledge?	The nearest station is 2.1 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 Coral House with PCSO and Care Home Coordinator shared no concerns regarding the train station.	The home is close to a number of bus stops with direct routes into the town centre, Sainsbury's local store bus stop is around 190 yards from Coral 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.	Coral house is situated on Stourbridge Road, Bromsgrove. All local homes and business are sufficient parking to prevent the need to park on the road. Stourbridge Road is a busy through route but mainly domestic travel. Coral house is set back from the road with large drive way and a fenced and gated area to the front of the property.
Managers overview of transport links/risks	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 Coral house will be considered when admitting children and young people into the home. The surrounding towns accessible from Coral 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. 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.		

Children & young people's thoughts on the location

Date	Way in which the consultation was gathered	Details/comments/views

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 **Risk Level = Low** **Likelihood** 2 **X** **Severity** 3	Due to Coral House 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. - The young people would be educated as to the dangers of drugs, and all others risks associated such as potential gang affiliation. - 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. - 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. - Here4YOUth Worcestershire Family Support Service offer external support around this risk.

Identified Risk/Concern	Description of risk	Risk Management Strategies/Actions to be taken
Close proximity to Main Road **Risk Level = Low** **Likelihood** 2 **X** **Severity** 4	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. - The home is set back from the road by a driveway and pavement. Young - people are to be guided and instructed around road safety through key works, workshops and weekly meeting. - During the admissions & matching process any young person who has displayed a history of risk-taking behaviour 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. - 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. - 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.

Identified Risk/Concern	Description of risk	Risk Management Strategies/Actions to be taken
Local Gangs/Risk of Criminal Exploitation (CCE) **Risk Level = Low**	In the immediate vicinity of Coral 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. - 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. - External agencies will be approached by the homes manager and referrals will be instigated following any such concerns - Young people will have robust risk assessments and individual agreements for free time with peers, family, unsupervised hobbies etc. Our assigned Home's PCSO and Care Home Coordinator will have close links with us at Coral House and will visit regularly to share local information and help to prevent such risk occurring. - 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. Referrals and matching process will be reviewed in conjunction with historical gang affiliation.
Likelihood 2 **X** **Severity** 4		

Identified Risk/Concern	Description of risk	Risk Management Strategies/Actions to be taken
Proximity of neighbours **Risk Level = LOW**	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, this has now been obscured with a newly fitted six-foot fence. • The home has windows that all have fitted blinds to prevent outsiders from seeing in the home from outside • The home is to ensure that they create and sustain positive relations with all neighbouring homes • Staff to ensure they are mindful of parking issues and only use the parking provided

Likelihood	2		• Staff to be mindful of noise / disruption to others • General good neighbourly gestures such as Christmas cards / apologies if the home has caused unnecessary disruption • Manage any complaints through the company's complaints procedure and ensure this is resolved quickly
X			
Severity	3		

Identified Risk/Concern	Description of risk	Risk Management Strategies/Actions to be taken
MFC Episodes **Risk Level = Low**	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 children 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. - 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. - 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. - Ensure that our local Police MFC coordinator is made aware of young people placed at Coral House and when they leave. - 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. The home ensures that children maintain contact with family and friends which reduces the likelihood of young people going missing. Missing monitoring form to be discussed/analysed with young people during key work sessions.
Likelihood 2 **X** **Severity** 3		

Identified Risk/Concern	Description of risk	Risk Management Strategies/Actions to be taken
Local Parks within a 15-minute drive **Risk Level = LOW** **Likelihood** 2	There is a number of parks in close walking distance from Coral House. Lickey end 1.4 miles Sanders Park 1.3 miles	- 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. - We will ensure our young people are supervised at this location and will complete regular key work sessions.

X		Recreation ground 1.4 miles	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.
Severity	4		

Current young People

Child's Initials		Age		Gender	
Local Authority				Admission Date	
Are there any current locational risks detailed above that presently effect JA.					
Since admission					

Child's Initials		Age		Gender	
Local Authority				Admission Date	
Are there any current locational risks detailed above that presently effect HJ.					
Since admission					

CONCLUSION

The locality of Coral 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 Coral 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 Coral 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, Coral 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 Coral 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 Coral 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.

Appendix 1 - Key Contacts & Consultation

Local Authority Designated officers (LADO)		Date	Details of consultation which helped inform this risk assessment
Name	Local Authority Designated officers		**Introduction email sent by Rose Whittaker on 26/09/24** Reply 28/09/24- Thank you for introducing yourself and welcome 😊 Here are some helpful links if you need to get in touch with LADO service in future. Our LADO system is on a duty rota but we have a LADO officer available Monday-Friday – and can be contacted via this email. We accept referrals via our portal. Our admin is Aimyleigh Lockhart, Aimyleigh ALockhart@worcestershire.gov.uk if you need any help and support with the referral process.
Job Title	Local Authority Designated officers		
Telephone	01905 846221		
Email	LADO@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk		
Address	Worcestershire County Council, County Hall Spetchley Road Worcester WR5 2NP		
Police		**Date**	**Details of consultation which helped inform this risk assessment**
Children's Care Home Co-ordinator			
Name	PC 686 Jamie Sandison		**Introduction email sent by Rose Whittaker on 26/09/24** Reply 30/09/24 – Good morning, Just to introduce myself I am the Care Home Coordinator for North Worcestershire, I have taken over from Jamie. Any queries, please let me know. Once you have you registration let me know and I will send you our Care Home Pack. **Kindest regards** **Donna Bruton.**
Job Title	West Mercia Police Children's Care Home Coordinator for North Worcestershire		
Telephone	07773051040		
Email 1	jamie.sandison@westmercia.police.uk		
Address	West Mercia Police Children's Care Home Coordinator for North Worcestershire		

			Police Constable 2618 BRUTON **Missing Persons Prevention Officer - North Worcestershire** **Childrens Carehome Coordinator - North Worcestershire** **| Problem Solving Hub | West Mercia Police** **Mobile:** 07773047714 **Ext.** 7732060 **DD** 01562 826160 **Email: donna.bruton@westmercia.police.uk** **Team email**: missingpeople.northworcs@westmercia.police.uk The information contained in this email is shared between appropriate agencies for the purpose of safe guarding, reducing and dealing with criminal and anti-social behaviour. Once in the hands of a new agency it is the responsibility of that agency to protect the information under its own Data Protection Provisions.

Local PCSO's/Other Policing contacts			
Name	Job Title	Telephone	Email
Sharon Wilson-Dixon	PCSO – North Bromsgrove Safer Neighbourhood Team	07773 053591/01527 583750	Sharon.wilson-dixon@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	Police Criminal & Sexual Exploitation Co-coordinator		Julie.Ramsden@westmercia.police.uk

Safeguarding Contacts.		Date	Details of consultation which helped inform this risk assessment
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.** This Worcestershire partnership includes: West Mercia Police, Worcestershire Children First, a range of NHS health services, Education, Youth Justice,
Job Title	Get Safe Team		
Telephone	01905 845568		
Email 1	getsafe@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk		

Email 2			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. **Introduction email sent by Rose Whittaker on 26/09/24**
Address	Worcestershire County Council, County Hall Spetchley Road Worcester WR5 2NP		
Other Services		Date	Details of consultation which helped inform this risk assessment
Organisation: LAC Nurse Team			
Name	LAC Nurse Team		**Introduction email sent by Rose Whittaker on 26/09/24**
Job Title	LAC Nurse Team		
Telephone			
Email 1	Email: whcnhs.snlac@nhs.net		
Email 2			
Address	ISL Health and Wellbeing Service CountyHall SpetchleyRoad Worcester, Worcestershire WR5 2NP		
Support Services		Date	Details of consultation which helped inform this risk assessment
Organisation: Worcestershire Here4YOUth			
Name	Worcestershire Here4YOUth		**Introduction email sent by Rose Whittaker on 26/09/24**
Job Title			
Telephone	0300 303 8200		
Email 1	cranstounworcsreferrals@cranstoun.org.uk		
Email 2			Hello Rose

Address	Castle House 14 Castle Street Worcester WR1 3AD		I was forwarded your email from our admin department, thank you for making contact 😊 I have copied on our Bromsgrove worker Jade Bedford – who supports young people with substance use issues and supports children & young people who have been affected by substance use (EG: Parental use etc.,) I have also attached some information about our service and referral forms. Please do not hesitate to contact if you have any queries or would like some more information. @Jade Bedford, please can you make contact. Many thanks Hannah Raybould H4Y Team Leader
Support services		Date	Details of consultation which helped inform this risk assessment
Organisation: Worcestershire Healthy Minds			
Name	Worcestershire Healthy Minds		**Introduction email sent by Rose Whittaker on 26/09/24**
Job Title			
Telephone	0300 013 57 27		
Email 1	PALS@hacw.nhs.uk [undefined:PALS@hacw.nhs.uk]		
Email 2			
Address	Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust. 2 Kings Court Charles Hastings Way Worcester Worcestershire WR5 1JR		

Local Businesses		Date	Details of consultation which helped inform this risk assessment
Local Support: Worcestershire Youth Justice System			
Name	Worcestershire Youth Justice System		**Introduction email sent by Rose Whittaker on 26/09/24**
Job Title	Worcestershire Youth Justice System		
Telephone	01905 718116		
Email 1	Worcestershire.team.wmyjs @westmercia.police.uk		
Email 2			
Address	Tolladine Road WR4 9NB		

Local Community		Date	Details of consultation which helped inform this risk assessment
Local Community			
Name	Evelyn and Roger	18/09/24	Rose met with neighbours, discussed work that is taking place in the garden and explained the nature of the service. Invited neighbours to come and visit Coral for a look around after work in the garden is finished.
Job Title	Next door neighbours		
Telephone			
Email 1			
Email 2			
Address			

Local Community		Date	Details of consultation which helped inform this risk assessment
Local Community			
Name	Livvy	18/09/24	Rose met with Livvy, discussed work that is taking place in the garden and explained the nature of the service. Invited Livvy to come and visit Coral for a look around after work in the garden is finished.
Job Title	Next door neighbours		
Telephone			
Email 1			
Email 2			
Address			

Appendix 2
– Local Health Services

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

Appendix 3

- Local Educational Provisions

Mainstream	Specialist/PRU/Tutor Agency
Meadows First School Stourbridge Road, Bromsgrove, B61 0AH Primary Ofsted rating: Outstanding (Inspected: 13 March 2019)	**Rigby Hall School** Rigby Lane, Bromsgrove B60 2EP Special Needs School Ages 2-19. Ofsted Rating: Good (Inspection 31 March 2022)
North Bromsgrove High School School Drive, Bromsgrove, B60 1BA Secondary and 16 to 18 Ofsted rating: Good (Inspected: 25 January 2023)	**The Forge Secondary PRU** 215 Easemore Road, Redditch B98 8HF Pupil Referral Unit Ages 11-16 Ofsted rating: Good (Inspected: 11 April 2024)
Lickey End First School School Lane, Bromsgrove, B60 1JG Primary Ofsted rating: Good (Inspected: 30 January 2024)	**The Beacon Primary PRU** Longdon Close, Woodrow South, Redditch Worcestershire B98 7UZ Pupil Referral Unit Ages 5 to 11 Ofsted rating: Good (Inspected: 28/29 September 2021)
Finstall First School Carnforth Road, Bromsgrove, B60 2HS Primary Ofsted rating: Outstanding (Inspected: 22 April 2015)	

Appendix 4

- Local Religious Places of worship

All Saints Court Church 102 Birmingham Rd, Bromsgrove B61 0DF	**Welcome Hall Evangelical Church** 34 Woodrow Ln, Catshill, Bromsgrove B61 0PU
Newsong Community Church 39, Broad Street, Sidemoor Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, B61 8LW	**Bromsgrove Methodist Church Centre** 19 Stratford Rd, Bromsgrove B60 1AS
St John's Church 14 Kidderminster Rd, Bromsgrove B61 7JW	**Bromsgrove Spiritualist Church** 9 Church Rd, Catshill, Bromsgrove B61 0JY
St Godwalds Church 15 Finstall Rd Bromsgrove B60 2EA	**Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses** York Rd, Sidemoor, Bromsgrove B61 8RU