Location Risk Assessment

Onyx House



Home URN	2652546
Registered Manager	Caprice Thomas
Responsible Individual	Steve Travis
Last Review Date	26.6.2024

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

Onyx House
24 Portway Road
Rowley Regis
Birmingham
B65 9DB

Map Grid Reference

SO 97205 88378

Profile of The Home & Young People

Onyx House is located Rowley Regis which is within the West Midlands region of England. The postcode is within the Sandwell ward/electoral division.

The Home supports up to 4 young people of mixed gender between the ages of 8-18 with Emotional and Behavioural difficulties and other complex needs.

The home is situated in a pleasant residential area close to direct bus routes into town and within a short walk of local amenities including a shop for general groceries, dog groomers, chip shop and car repair workshop.

There is a wide range of quality activities available in close proximity to the home. Young people can enjoy various local parks, zoos, football, museums, cinema, bowling, leisure centres, Gymnasiums, local beauty spots for walks and picnics and swimming pools all within a short journey from the home.

Local Amenities

The home is situated in a pleasant residential area close to direct bus routes into town and within a short walk of local amenities including shops, pharmacies, hairdressers, restaurants, various cafes.

As the Home is located close to the Nation's second largest city Birmingham, there are an enormous amount of activities and amenities on the doorstep. There is a wide range of quality leisure opportunities for young people to enjoy including but not limited to;

- Ice Skating and Roller-skating
- Ten Pin Bowling Alleys
- Go Karting and Driving
- Paintballing
- Skiing and Snowboarding
- Horse Riding and Stables
- Cycling
- Crazy Golf
- Indoor Sea-Life Centre
- Swimming pools
- Parks and beauty spots such as Saltwells nature reserve
- Merry hill and the Bull ring shopping Centres
- Restaurants of all cuisines
- Access to various clubs such as youth clubs, army cadets, Gymnastics, football, rugby ect

Reported Crime in the Area

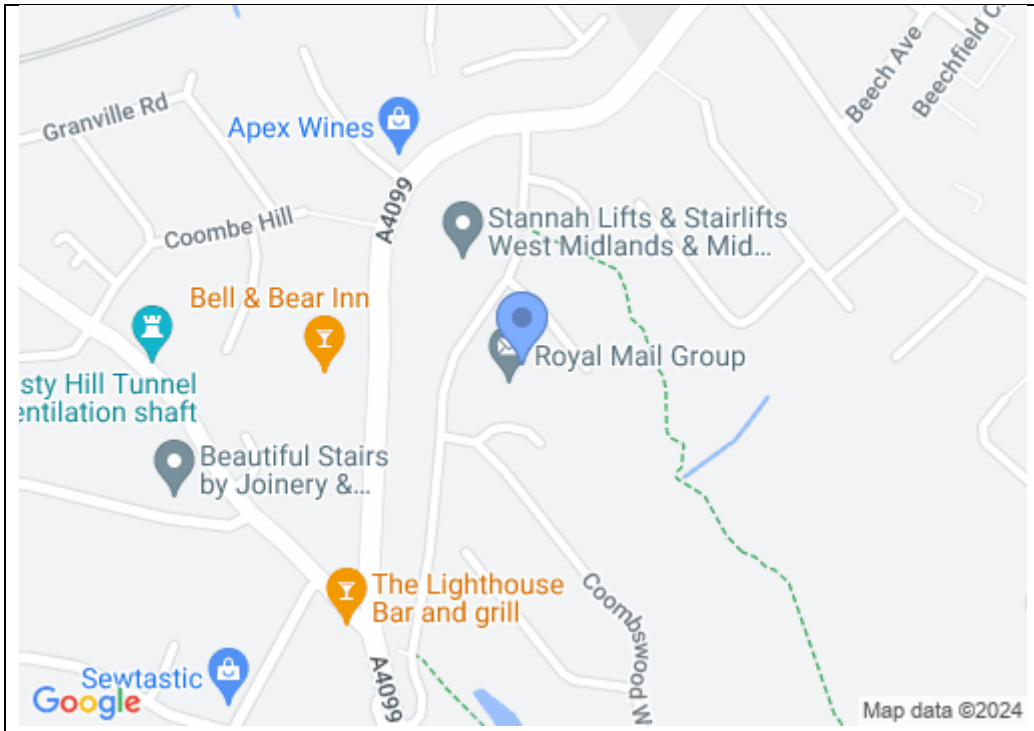
The data below was published by the Police (Crimerate-westmidlands) and represents incidents that were reported to them, not the crimes that were prosecuted and/ or had further action taken.

Any known local hot spots for crime have been detailed in the risk management section of this document. (Last updated 1.4.2024

24 Crimes reported in April 2024

Recent data for Rowley Regis, West Midlands, England reveals an active crime rate. In total, there were **224** incidents reported in April 2024. A significant portion of these incidents took place on or near station Hill. It's crucial to note that these reports are within a 1-mile radius of **B62 2GQ**. On occasion, these crime locations might extend beyond village, town, or county lines.

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Top Crime Locations

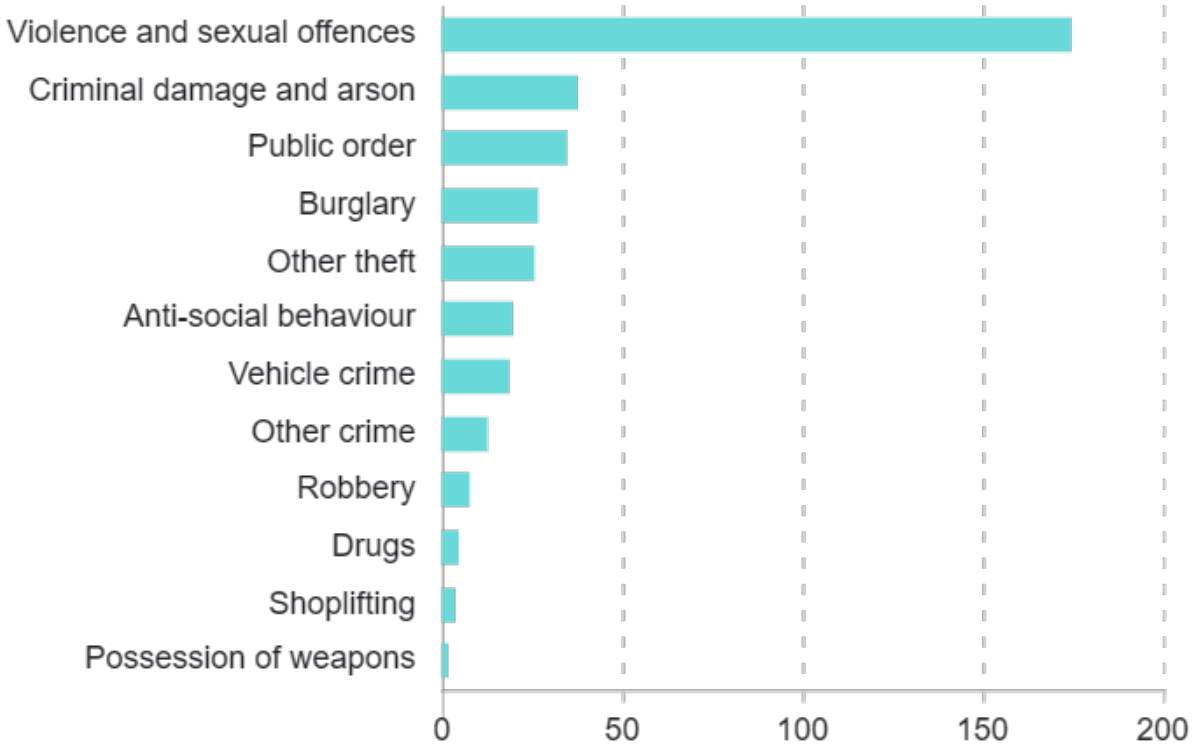
Below are the top 10 locations with the highest reported crimes in Rowley Regis for April 2024.

1	FURNACE HILL13 REPORTED CRIMES
2	SUPERMARKET6 REPORTED CRIMES
3	LONG LANE5 REPORTED CRIMES
4	ROWLEY REGIS (STATION)5 REPORTED CRIMES
5	WESTFIELD ROAD5 REPORTED CRIMES
6	SEAN DOLAN CLOSE5 REPORTED CRIMES
7	PAYNE STREET4 REPORTED CRIMES

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8 KING STREET4 REPORTED CRIMES
9 MUCKLOW HILL4 REPORTED CRIMES
10 SHOPPING AREA4 REPORTED CRIMES

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Analysis/Summary;

Rowley Regis is among the top 5 most dangerous medium-sized towns in the West Midlands, and is among the top 20 most dangerous overall out of the West Midlands's 44 towns, villages, and cities. The overall crime rate in Rowley Regis in 2023 was 126 crimes per 1,000 people. This compares poorly to the West Midlands's overall crime rate, coming in 7% higher than the West Midlands rate of 118 per 1,000 daytime population. For England, Wales, and Northern Ireland as a whole, Rowley Regis is the 44th most dangerous medium-sized town, and the 520th most dangerous location out of all towns, cities, and villages.

In February 2021, Rowley Regis had the worst crime rate in the West Midlands for other crime, with 13 crimes reported and a crime rate of 0.54 per 1,000 daytime population. February 2020 was also a bad month for Rowley Regis residents, when it was the West Midlands's most dangerous area for anti-social behaviour, recording 36 crimes at a rate of 1.5 per 1,000 daytime population.

The most common crimes in Rowley Regis are violence and sexual offences, with 1,597 offences during 2023, giving a crime rate of 66. This is 3.9% lower than 2022's figure of 1,662 offences and a difference of 2.69 from 2022's crime rate of 69. Rowley Regis's least common crime is bicycle theft, with 10 offences recorded in 2023, an increase of 233% from 2022's figure of 3 crimes.

Transport

	Rail	Bus	Car
Details/summary Are there any specific known hotspots related that have been informed through various consultation/local knowledge?	Rowley Regis train station is located at; Rowley Regis Train station, west midlands, B65 OLJ and is 5 minute drive from the home Station code (ROW) British transport police – 0800 40 50 40 Car park – (Situated at the station) Ti8cket office hours - Mon-Thur - 06:00hrs-19:00hrs Friday 06:00hrs-20:00hrs Tickets can be purchased by the office and also the ticket machine out of hours 	Rowley Regis bus stop is located on Station Road in Rowley Regis which is in the region of Oldbury. There are a number of bus stops along the rout of Portway road in both directions (Towards Dudley and Birmingham). One is located at the end of Portway road opposite the pub which would be deemed as the closest bust stop. Bus routes are very regular arriving every 15-20 minutes although there is a reduced service on a Sunday. A swift card can be purchased for £27 per month which gives unlimited travel throughout the west midlands, young people who are working towards independence can have this has part of their placement if deemed safe. 	The home has two company vehicles which are used to transport young people to education, contact visits, activities, clubs and hobbies, errands etc. The homes vehicles are maintained to a high standard and have safety checks weekly to ensure they are road worthy and safe for transport. Access to the M54, M5 and M6 are within a 10 minute drive in both directions. 
Managers overview of transport links/risks	The area has excellent travel links with bus routes and train links to all major train stations such as Birmingham new street. Due to the excellent travel links the home would assess carefully any young person or referral who was likely to missing via public		

	transport as the access is immediate to the home. However where the transport links are positive for a young person and their independence this would be seen as a benefit. Young people can access a wide range of destinations and would have opportunity for monthly / daily bus passes through the swift scheme when working towards independence.

Children & young people's thoughts on the location

Date	Way in which the consultation was gathered	Details/comments/views
29.3.2024	General conversation	**LR-** when asked what she felt about the local are LR shared she likes living here and feels safe. LR feels safe going to the local shops and now knows the area better than she did previously.
29.3.2024	General conversation	**LEH** – When asked how he felt about living in this area, LEH shared he loved it, its close to Dudley and close to all of his family and his school. LEH also shared its 3 minutes drive form his friend's house so that's good too.
29.3.2024	General conversation	**DO –** When asked how he feels about the location of the home, DO shares 'it's great' I can keep my school, see all my family and go on lots of activities here.
29.3.2024	General conversation	**LB-** Shrugged and shared its good, I like the house and the games room. LB does not often go out into the community at this time but this is being encouraged daily.

Location risk assessment

Likelihood		X	Severity		Levels	
Not Likely	1		Neglible	1	Low	1 - 8
Possible	2		Slight	2	Medium	9 - 15

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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** 4	Risk of drug use, distribution and links to gangs who supply drugs, transport drugs or other illegal substances and or groom young people to into drug taking.	• 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 • Dependency on an illegal substance would be a consideration at referral stage and also the effect the young person demonstrates when under the influence as this could impact current residents • If the young person has a history or distribution or grooming others to take, sell or transport drugs would be a consideration as the home is situation within very close transport links to Birmingham city centre amounts other know hot spots for drug trafficking. • No class A drug users would be considered for the home as it is likely we would have vulnerable children and class A drugs are a serious risk to other children along with the effects those drugs would have upon a young person • Low / Medium level drug use would be considered as a medium risk to Onyx House, this would be dependent on other factors such as dependency, how the young person acquires the substance, effects on behaviours and external factors such as attendance in education, engagement on other activities which are deemed as positive. • Gang affiliation would be considered, as detailed in separate risk assessment below • The young people would be educated as to the dangers of drugs, and all others risks associated such as potential gang affiliation • The home has close links with DECCA (Drugs, education, counselling, confidential Association) which can be accessed where a young person is identified as an active drug user or in need of specialise support in this area • The home has links to the local PSCO and care home coordinators, this can be increased should the home have a young person who has any involvement with police • if a child or young person was to have unaccompanied time with friends or family then this would be risk assessed and authorised by both the homes

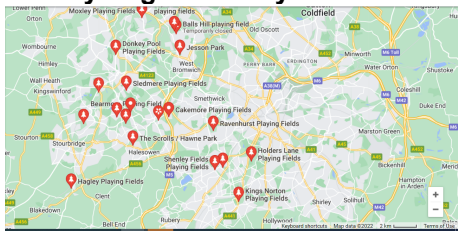
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			manager and social worker, as well as being continually reviewed for safeguarding purposes • Money in hand would be discussed with the young person's social worker at point of referral to ensure the home does not fund or aid further drug abuse.

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Individual or group risk of child sexual exploitation **Risk Level = MEDIUM**		This area crime mapping figures, report a low rate of sexual assault and gang related activity in the locality of the home but its proximity and easy travel links to other areas of Birmingham means that this is still a risk.	• Any present or historical risk / or active CSE would be discussed at length during the matching process, level of risk, if known to groom others, other associated risks such as missing from care and self-harmful behaviour will be discussed and matched against current residents and alongside the location risk assessment in terms of if the risk would be increased if placed here. • Any concerns regarding CSE will result in robust discussions with respective Social Workers, LADO, Safeguarding Children Board, MASH Team & CSE Police Officer(S) • Onyx House staff team will communicate with schools/colleges on a daily basis should there be any CSE concerns presented and measure to reduce risk discussed with social worker and other relevant professionals and implemented • The security of the home is monitored through the use of CCTV external cameras at the front of the home & we also have the ability to enable bedroom door alarms when required depending on the current needs of the residents • All staff have received training in regard to Child Sexual Exploitation and CCE within their initial induction and further training would be sourced should this be required • Young people will be supported to undergo informal workshops/learning in order to gain better understanding of healthy relationships and the risks around grooming and exploitation • Online safety is robust within the home which hosts a DEKO WFIF system where monitoring of internet use can be implemented for all devices to include smart TV's, tablets, mobile phones, laptop, and other electrical which contact with others could be made. • Onyx House will robustly assess and risk when reviewing referrals to Onyx house. Risk management plans will be in place for all young people who my pose a risk to themselves or be vulnerable from grooming
Likelihood	2		
X			
Severity	8		

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Close proximity to Main Road **Risk Level = MEDIUM** **Likelihood** 2 **X** **Severity** 5	Portway road is a long residential road with some industrial and local amenities along the route. The road is deemed a 30mph road however; following observations for many weeks both during peak travel times and quieter times of the day this road is often carrying traffic which does seem to exceed the current speed limit and make this quite fast flowing traffic outside of the home at times. In addition to the road there is a very busy junction directly opposite the house which when crossing would be a further hazard.  	• No young people who were likely to run across main roads or struggle to maintain safe boundaries round road safety would be admitted due to the amount of fast flowing traffic which passes the home daily • The speed limit is 30mph • The home is set back from the road with a car parking wide enough for up to 5 vehicles • Parking has been prevented from the front gate to ensure full visibility to the neighbour to the left (Block of flats) as when cars are parked there it obstructs the junction and visibility for oncoming traffic. • Gates could be applied to the front should this be requires for the safety of a young person • The speed limit for drivers is 30mph • Accidents on the road remain low as the road is straight and has traffic lights at sections which does inevitably slow down traffic at points • Young people and staff are to be advised to walk further down the road either left or right to avoid the junction before crossing and allow better vision of oncoming traffic before crossing the road • Often there are many vehicles parked on the sides of the road and this will impair vision of oncoming traffic, young people and staff are to be advised to move away from parked vehicles to allow clear vision of on coming traffic and not to cross between parked cars • Young people to undergo key working around road safety in general and how to maintain personal safety on Portway road (To take place again in April 2024 with all residents) • The homes Manager will report any concerns regarding the traffic with our assigned PCSO or police if necessary • Crime is relatively low as per local statistics and through consultation with local business owners and neighbours it has been reported that there have been several thefts and minor car related crimes in the past 5 years but this is not regularly or any more risk than other areas • The home has seen several accidents on the road outside of the home, once ploughed into the fencing in December 2023 and another into a staff members and neighbours car at 1.30am causing the car to be written off.

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Local Gangs/Risk of Criminal Exploitation (CCE) **Risk Level = MEDIUM** **Likelihood** 2 **X** **Severity** 4		In the immediate vicinity of the Home, there is no evidence of gang presence. There is however, a high gang presence in Birmingham which is approximately 6 miles from this home Dudley is the closest neighbour and gang related crime is also reported as low compared to the national average in this area.	• 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 will have close links with us at Onyx 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 or current presenting behaviours

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Local Parks within a 15 minute drive **Risk Level = LOW** **Likelihood** 2 **X** **Severity** 4	Local parks, playing fields, bodies of water within a 2 mile radius and a 20 minute walking distance Area which young people may frequent and engage in antisocial behaviours / areas known to police to have concerns around drugs or CCE **Map of all local play areas within the Rowley Regis / Dudley area**  **Satwells nature reserve, Dudley**  **Warrens Hall Nature Reserve** 0.8 	• There are over 15 play areas and football fields within a 4 mile radius of the home giving plenty if choice for outdoor fun for all age ranges all are either within walking distance or a short drive away. • There are two nature reserves within 4 miles of the home both of which have large and deep bodies of water, neither are within walking distance and therefore a minimal risk to the immediate area • Consultation is to take place regular with the local PSCO Lisa Livingstone and our DECCA worker around hot spots for criminal activity, risk of CCE or CSE which may involve these park areas. If an area is noted as an area of concerns the team are to notified and that area avoided, of a young person frequents to a hot spot area then addiotnal checks may need to be undertaken during free time to establish activity when out • Staff to ensure that when they are taking young people to local parks that they are aware of their surroundings and should gangs of youths be gathering there to try to avoid that area and use another park • Young people could use their bikes to access parks if they wear helmets and have good bike safety skills which will be assessed through key working • Should a child be placed who are likely to misuse or be unsafe around large bodies of water then the nature reserves are to be avoided

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			• Any anti-social behaviour to be reported to local police

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House Theft/Burglary **Risk Level = LOW** **Likelihood** 2 **X** **Severity** 3		Crimes such as burglary, theft, personal burglary within the local area.	• Our neighbours run a neighbourhood watch scheme where the homes manger is included in a messaging group if any local information or risks needed to be shared • Crime statistics share there has been thefts within this area of Portway road however most of the crimes are violent or sexual offences and vehicle crimes • Upon speaking with local business owners and neighbours; the shop has had issues with thefts but these are usual school age children and very minor, the car garage reported they one had some tyres stolen and there was a van stolen from outside around 5 years ago. No other business shared any other concerns • There was a thief of two vehicles in July 2022 (Across the road near the top of the junction) This can been seen on CCTV but was not close enough to share with police • We have our downstairs hallways light left on during the night, we have CCTV cameras on the external walls of the property and another deterrent in that we have our ring doorbell, which also acts as a CCTV camera • Having a ring doorbell has most certainly acted as a deterrent to thefts in the area. We will also have multiple cars on our driveway each night & two staff on each sleep in shift.
Feb 2022	Reviewed & no update required. We have had no issues or concerns regarding theft nor has our local street/close area.		
May 2022	Reviewed & no update required. We have had no issues or concerns regarding theft nor has our local street/close area		
July 2022	Document fully reviewed, following consultation in the immediate area no further concerns were raised in relation to increase in theft related crimes		

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Local Working Quarry **Risk Level = MEDIUM**		Quarry Edwin Richards Quarry, risk associated with dangerous footings, steep drops and inclines and heavy machinery in operation 	• Children who are known climbers, free running or know to adventure into prohibited areas would be coincided at Onyx House as this is a fully operational quarry which has working heavy machinery, dangerous steep inclines and over 100 foot drop to the bottom. • Much research took place prior to occupying the home in this location and due to the safety measures the quarry has in place such as CCTV, 8ft spiked fencing around the perimeter, security at night and dense woodland between the back of the home and the boundary it was deemed a secure site. • Robust risk assessment in place for the staff team to ensure they follow the strict guidance for any children attempting to enter the quarry and also personal safety • Children will be educated to understand and follow warning and danger signs, prohibited access signs and be supported to make sensible and safe decisions in regards to accessing any area which was deemed unsafe • Report any damage to fencing without delay to the owners (Details on specific risk assessment) • Discourage a to the quarry educating children on the dangers and consequences • Liaise with quarry owners should a risk be identified which they may need to action either from a security view point or damage to exterior fencing allowing easy access to the site
Likelihood	2		
X			
Severity	5		

Identified Risk/Concern	Description of risk	Risk Management Strategies/Actions to be taken
Proximity of neighbours **Risk Level = LOW** **Likelihood** 2 **X** **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 • Fencing has been increased to prevent the dog from next door reaching over following an incident where he bit a staff member • Staff are aware not to feed or encourage next doors dog to engage with anyone in the home • The home has windows that all have fitted blinds to prevent outsiders from seeing in the home from outside • The home 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 or find alternative parking if this was causing obstruction • Staff to be mindful of noise / disruption to others • General good neighbourly gestures such as Christmas cards /and boxes of chocolates apologies if the home has caused unnecessary disruption • Manage any complaints through the company's complaints procedure and ensure this is resolved quickly

Current young People

Child's Initials	LEH	D.O.B	1.12.2028	Gender	Male
Local Authority	Dudley				
Are there any current locational risks detailed above that presently effect LEH	LEH has Been known to go missing from previous homes and not return from unsupervised time when expected, there has also been times where he walked off from his homes when upset. LEH does know the area and surrounding areas well and knows where family members live so may frequent there				
April 2024	LEH likes the local area and although has been reported missing several times this has been low level and he has Been found usually in the Wrens nest area.				

Child's Initials	LR	D.O.B	26.10.2007	Gender	Female
Local Authority	Telford & Wrekin			Admission Date	9.5.22
Are there any current locational risks detailed above that presently effect **	LR has been reported missing historically but this has always been very low level with her returning to her previous foster carers at times. LR goes to school in Wolverhampton and there has been times she has been truant from school and heading off into the town centre. There has not been any significant concerns from her truanting in terms of risk, however she has been excluded twice from school for her behaviours. LR has not had any police involvement since being in placement.				
April 2024	LR has gone missing from the home, once at night without the team knowing as at this time her bedroom door alarms has been off for some months due to low risk. CCTV caught her leaving at 2.30am and she made her way to a local train station and then on to Wolverhampton early the following morning (This was about a boy and he wish to see him) LR was found safe and well the following day (Jan 2024) door alarms were then activated on her room so the team can be aware should she try to the leave the home in the early hours again.				

Child's Initials	LB	D.O.B	3.3.20213	Gender	Male
Local Authority	Birmingham				
Are there any current locational risks detailed above that presently effect **	None which current present, Laurence does not go missing, climb in dangerous places or present any worry's in the community. At times LB can struggled with his emotions and can lash out, but this is rare occasions				
April 2024	LB has made comments about running away and left the home without shoes on once, he got to the bottom of the drive way before the team were able to encourage him back into the home.				

Child's Initials	DO	D.O.B	27.7.2008	Gender	Male
Local Authority	Birmingham Childrens trust				

Are there any current locational risks detailed above that presently effect DO	DO is to be advised against visiting parks around the Aston and Erdington area of Birmingham, this is not walking distance from the home and therefore DO if he wished to gain access to these area it may be either after school – by leaving without permission or via public transport. This is due to knowing a significant amount of unknown and undesirable males in the area. The area of the home is deemed as a good location due to DO being able to maintain his school provision and his contact arrangements with his family which are weekly and bi weekly. DO does not have a history of going missing, however was known to frequent parks all day and into the evening when he lived with his family without any supervision so his activities thee were often unknown.
April 2024	DO has not settled well into the home, he does not have agreed free time in the community, DO shares he is happy with the activity's available to him where he lives and that his school is only 25 minutes away from the home.

CONCLUSION

The locality of Onyx 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. Where there are concerns for the child or young person it may be appropriate for the police to work with the care provider to assist with the safeguarding of the child. A good working relationship with key providers who help to keep children safe will be part of Onyx house daily ethos.

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 residents.

Corona Virus is obviously a risk for any locality and the level of this risk will vary as the infection rate varies. Onyx House will review government guidance on a daily basis and keep our policy and risk assessment updated accordingly.

Overall, we can conclude that the locality of Onyx 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 officer (LADO)		Date	Details of consultation which helped inform this risk assessment
Name	Michelle Pinnock-Ouma	20.7.22	Email sent to the new LADO Michelle Pinnock-Ouma, reaching out to introduce us as a home and specify our SOP in a nutshell. LJ asked MPO if there are any specific risks we should be aware of in the area if she could share these.
Job Title	LADO		
Telephone	0121 569 4770		
Email	Sandwell_LADO@sandwellchildrenstrust.org Michelle_pinnock-ouma@sandwellchildrenstrust.org		
Address	LADO Sandwell Childrens trust METSEC building Broadwell Road Oldbury West midlands B69 4HE		
Police		**Date**	**Details of consultation which helped inform this risk assessment**
Missing from care Co-ordinator			
Name	PCSO Wright Lisa Livingston Alan whitshire Julie Wright	9.6.22 11.6.22 19.7.22	Initial email sent to the Rowley town police, introducing myself as the new homes manager and asking if there are any PSCO attached to the home or local care home co-ordinators. PSCO Write responded sharing that there are 3 local PSCO in our area Julie Write, Jo Palmer and Alan Wiltshire. There is also a local coordinator attached to the home but she was unaware of the details so had cc'd in the new Sgt Debbie Downs to provide further information. PSCO Write shared that they had visited the home several times under the previous managers registration. No further response from local Police, further email sent asking for a visit to the home, reference made about one young
Job Title	PSCO		
Telephone			
Email	fib@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk lisa.livingstone@westmidlandspolice.uk alan.wiltshire@westmidlands.police.uk		
MFC LOCATE Team	Locate_western@west midlands.pnn.police.uk	20.7.22	

		19.3.2024	person and low level intervention, All relevant persons CC's into the email PC Livingstone and PSCO whitshire came to visit the home and meet the young people. Only LR was present but did say hello to both the officers. Time was spent discussing the local area, known hot spots to which there were none in the immediate are which the police felt were of a concern to the home. Following consultation about LR missing and potential stealing from shops PC Lisa Livingston's has agreed to come and speak wit LR and to have conversations around the potential criminal impact this could have upon herself on 30.4.2023 (Did not attend, LM to ask for another date)

Local PCSO's/Other Policing contacts			
Name	Job Title	Telephone	Email
PSCO Julie Wright Sgt Debbie Downs	PCSO Sgt		julie.wright2@westmidlands.police.uk debbie.downs@westmidlands.police.uk

Date	Details of consultation which helped inform this risk assessment
11th January 2024	Discussions around the development of Britannia park and a new skate park which is planned. Sandwell has 10 open cases of Anti-social behaviour which is low for the area. Minutes on share drive
8th February 2024	Antisocial behaviour reported again in Britain park and specific drugs complaints but not close to Onyx House. Minutes on share drive Brick house youth club has been opened, our young people to be shared this information and encouraged to attend.
March 14th 2024	No further updates on parks or re generation. Hate crime stats released. Your services planning new activie4is in the area. Minutes are on share drive

Gangs/ County Lines/ Violence reduction Teams		Date	Details of consultation which helped inform this risk assessment
Safer Sandwell			
Name	Safer Sandwell website	July 2022	Sandwell has a specify website which provides services to assist with the following; • Anti-social behaviour • Hate crime • Modern slavery and human trafficking • Extremism • Domestic abuse and sexual violence • Alcohol and drug misuse Any are of concern ,click the relevant link and this will direct us to the relevant support available
Job Title	N/A		
Telephone	N/A		
Email 1	https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200208/crime_prevention_and_emergencies/662/safer_sandwell_partnership		
Address			
Specialist CSE Teams		**Date**	**Details of consultation which helped inform this risk assessment**
Name of service KRUNCH			
Name	KRUNCH	20.7.22	KRUCH is the local organisation which is aimed at supported those who may be at risk of CSE, Gangs and knife crimes and Guns. They provide workshops, group work and one-one mentoring for 10-19 year olds and are an accredited personal development programme
Job Title	Lead KRUNCH worker		
Telephone	0121 552 5556		
Email 1	lynsey@Kruch.org.uk		
Address	Sandwell Christian Centre Langley Cresent Oldbury B68 8RE		
Service name DECCA (Drug, Education, counselling and confidential advise team)			
Name	Jon Bull		

Job Title	Lead DECCEA	15.7.22 22.7.22	Contact made with Jon Bull and a meeting set up for 22.7.2022 over teams to discuss the local area, services available, and current young person
Telephone	0845 838 5317		
Email 1	Dga1000@hotmail.com		
Email 2	jon_bull@sandwellchildrenstrust.org		
Address			
Support Services		**Date**	**Details of consultation which helped inform this risk assessment**
Youth Offending Team			
Name	Youth offending service	20.7.22	No consultation made with YOT as yet, however should a young person present with risk of criminal involvement / police intervention then connections will be sought.
Job Title			
Telephone	0121 569 2210		
Email 1	yots_team@sandwell.gov.uk.cjsm.net		
Address	Sandwell Children's Trust HQ Wellman Building Dudley Road Oldbury West Midlands B69 3DL		
Sandwell Connections			
Name	Emma Dixon-Reid	04.7.22	Initial meeting set up for a young person. Conversation held with LJ asking if there were other services we should be aware of to support young people, Emma shares in terms of post 16 educational support they felt they could offer all the support required and signpost in other directions if needs be.
Job Title	Personal advisor		
Telephone	0121 569 2955 07855 040018		
Email 1	emma_dixonreid@sandwell.gov.uk		
Address	Sandwell Connexions One Stop Shop Oldbury Council House Freeth Street B69 3DE		
Radicalization & PREVENT Teams		**Date**	**Details of consultation which helped inform this risk assessment**

Birmingham Prevent Team			
Name	M.Morgan		No contact has been made with prevent as yet, however should a concern be raised in relation to prevent, or radicalisation the support services are well recognised within the Dudley area and easy to access
Job Title	Service Lead		
Telephone			
Email 1	CTU_GATEWAY@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk m.morgan@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk		
Address	N/A		

Appendix 2 – Local Contacts & Consultation

Name/Role & details of local contact	Date	Details of consultation which helped inform this risk assessment
Row of business adjacent to the home	22.7.2022	All local businesses which are situated on Portway road was consulted on by ST (Deputy Manager) most business owns had owner their premises for between 10-15 years and had a long history trading in on the road. None raised any concerns other than minor thefts which do occur at the local shop and one tyre being stolen from the car repair shop around 2 years ago. The local pub at the top of Portway road is a family run pub and restaurant and has a large play area in his rear garden and attracts mainly family's and do not report any anti-social behavioural issues within it promises or late at night.
DECCA manager meeting	22.7.2022	Meeting held with the manager of DECCA, shared in formation around joining a local task force around for anti social behaviours and a place where professionals meet to discuss and take action around local issues and concerns. Current strategy's were discussed in terms of one young person current drug use.
Safer Sandwell town task meetings	8.8.2022	LJ attended a community task force meeting which are held monthly. The purpose of the meetings are to bring together local services to address anti-social behaviours / drug use / police interventions / crime and to share local hot spots for these types of community behaviours with the aim to prevent crime, antisocial behaviours and bring services such as police, fire, CCTV operatives, local Maintenance services, councillors together to discuss and create working strategy's to prevent and create safe living for the community. LJ joined

		Augusts meeting and was able to see the collaborative working first hand. This was a very collective group of professionals, civil servants and councillors all working to identify hot spots and share actions taken or create actions to prevent or address the matters in hand. Minutes for the meeting will be sent once completed and held on file monthly. Any information which is relevant will be shared with the team and added to the LARA.
Safer Sandwell town task meeting	12.12.2022	LJ attended this meeting as has missed the last couple. The town meeting concentrated more on anti-social behaviours in and around Rowley, however not directly linked to the home. The task force discussed different methods they are using to tackle anti social behaviours and initiatives to bring the community together.
Safer Sandwell team task meeting	9.3.2023	Unable to attend this meeting due to other meeting commitments.
Safer Sandwell team task meeting	13.7.2023	Lucy attended this meeting, local parks and new development discussed. The prevent team addressed were highlighted in case of any new referrals. Antisocial behaviours in the Tipton area on the risk during the warmer months. Police were not in attendance in todays meeting,
Safer Sandwell team task meeting	18.10.2023	Lucy attended the Sandwell team task meeting and all of the usually anti social behaviours were discussed and also some new initiatives such as a youth club being re opened close to the home. LJ found a poster for this and will be encouraging our young people to attend as a way to make new friends in a social setting.
Safer Sandwell team task meeting	9th November 2023	LM was unable to attend this months meeting due to pre planned booked in meetings. Notes are on file, nothing further relevant to add to LARA
Safer Sandwell team task meeting	February 8th 2024	Britania park again identified as a place where anti social behaviours are. Youth club going well. Several discussion around antisocial behaviours from the high rise flats, these are n ot close to the home and our children do not frequent near these.
Safer Sandwell team task meeting	9th May 2024	Antisocial behaviours still remains a concern in the area. This was discussed 12 cases open. Reminder of the FIB forms where anyone can report intel they may have regarding crimes. Reminder of the modern day slavery email address to report any concerns. Brickhouse Youth Club is operating on Mondays and Wednesdays from 18:00 – 20:00, team reminded to share this with the young people to encourage engagement. New Prevent form shared with the team.

Appendix 2 – Local Health Services

Dentist	Doctors/GP
Bhaldal Dental Practice 74 Birmingham Road Blackheath, Rowely Regis B65 9BA	The Health Partnership 91 Rowley Village, Rowley Regis B65 9EN 0121559165
Opticians	**Walk in centre (out of hours)**
Specsavers Book online – www.specsavers.co.uk 170 High St, Blackheath, Rowley Regis B65 0DX	
Hospital (closest)	**Hospital**
Queen Elizabeth hospital Mindelsohn Way, Birmingham B15 2TH 0121 6272000	Sandwell hospital Hallam St, West Bromwich B71 4HJ 0121 5531831
Sexual Health Clinic (GUM)	**CAMHS**
Kingston House 438-450 High Street West Bromwich B70 9LD 01522 537 887	48 Lodge Road West Bromwich B70 8NY Tel: 0121-612-6620 If the emergency is related to a young person's mental health, then the CAMHS Crisis team can be contacted 08:00-20:00 hours on 07816075218.
LAC Nurse Team	**Other**
Sandwell children and young people nursing Service Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG Kingston House 438-450 High Street West Bromwich B70 9LD 01522 537 887 Lac Nurses: Jane O'Reilly, Designated LAC Nurse jane.o'reilly@nhs.net Dr Indu Mahabeer, Designated LAC doctor i.mahabeer@nhs.net	

Appendix 3 - Local Educational Provisions

Mainstream	Specialist/PRU/Tutor Agency
Primary education provision within Rowley Regis. There are over 15 primary school situated within the Rowley Regis and Sandwell area	• Black heath primary – B65 9FN • Brick house Primary – B65 8HS • Spring field Primary – B65 8JY • Highfields Primary - B65 0DA • Rowley Hall Primary – B65 9HU
Secondary education provisions There are over 15 secondary provisions within the Rowley / Sandwell are as well as many school which offer SEND provisions. There are several college which offer alternative education and PRU	• Windsow High school – • Britsnal Acedemy • The meadows (SEND) • The Earls High school • The Link Academy (Dudley) • Perry fields academy • St Michaels CE high school

Appendix 4 - Local Religious Places of worship

English Martyrs Catholic Church 297 Oldbury Road, Rowley Regis B65 0PR	Jehovah's witnesses 144a Coomes Road, Halesowen, B62 1QZ
Regis Christian Fellowship Hanover Road, Rowley Regis B65 9AL	Oldbury Temple 46 Birmingham Road Oldbury B69 4EH
St James Church of England parish church Shelksea Avenue, Oldbury, B69 1BG	Quinton Methodist Church Ridgway Avenue Halesowen B62 9AU