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**The Haydn – Residential Children’s Home**

**LOCATION AREA RISK ASSESSMENT**



1. **INTRODUCTION**

All children, whether they are Looked After by the state or 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 and the ever-changing risks associated with living in villages, towns and cities all round the UK. However, it is not always straightforward to define a ‘safe’ area. A place that was previously deemed safe can change rapidly and may cause a risk to vulnerable children in particular. Equally, in some individual cases, children may themselves heighten risks in an area if they have particularly risky behaviours and this is not managed appropriately.

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 careful consideration is taken in particular around placement decisions. Risks associated with the location and the environment surrounding the home must always be considered along with the steps that should be taken to manage, limit, prevent and reduce to possibility of a young person be harmed whilst in a children’s home and as mentioned previously, this puts additional emphasis on the placement decisions and in particular the providers matching process.

All Placing Authorities are equally as responsible for assessing local risks and making judgments about a location of a children’s home before placing the child and in doing so should ensure that all relevant information about a young person has been shared with a provider to ensure that all risk factors have been considered and discussed. It is not only the risks that are considered when placing a young person in a certain location but also the accessibility for all young people to access external services such as education, health, EWMHS/Therapeutic services and age-appropriate activities

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***The Haydn*** home is located in a quiet residential area of Purley, South London, accompanied by local shops and amenities. There is a regular bus service to Croydon town centre, with the home being a 13 walk to Reedham Train Station (providing direct national rail services to Victoria, London Bridge, Gatwick and Brighton. Dental, NHS services and other healthcare / education provisions are within a short bus journey from the placement.

Purley has a range of restaurants, grocery shops, and a vibrant High Street with a variety of shops.

**About the demographic Information**

The information on housing, people, culture, employment and education that is displayed about, Purley, CR8 is based on the last census performed in the UK in 2011. They are performed once every 10 years. Please note: census information may include figures for adjacent streets and postcodes. The figures are therefore representative of the local area, not a specific street address or row of houses.

Purley is a ward in [Croydon](http://localstats.co.uk/census-demographics/england/london/croydon) of [London](http://localstats.co.uk/census-demographics/england/london), in the 2011 census the population of Purley was 14,607 and is made up of approximately 51% females and 49% males. The average age of people in Purley is 39, while the median age is lower at 38

The top occupations listed by people in Purley are Professional 25.2%, Associate professional and technical 17.3%, Administrative and secretarial 14.4%, Managers, directors and senior officials 14.2%, Business and public service associate professionals 11.0%, Administrative 10.7%, Corporate managers and directors 9.9%, Business, media and public service professionals 9.8%, Skilled trades 7.3%, Caring, leisure and other service 7.2%.

1. **ROLE OF THE PROVIDER**

Regulation 46 of the Children’s Homes Regulations 2015 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: effectively safeguarded, & able to access services to meet the needs identified in their care or placement plans;
* Review the appropriateness and suitability of the location of the premises at least once in every calendar year. Taking into account the requirement in regulation 12(2)(c)

Although it’s difficult to predict the ever-changing local environment and the associated risks that come with change, the homes management have a responsibility to access all potential risks in the local area and implement strategies to limit, prevent and reduce the risk of a young person being harmed. The home’s management will implement a Location Risk Assessment which will be kept under review and amended periodically depending on changes to the local environment and taking into account any new risks as these are identified.

As part of the home’s responsibility, ensuring that young people have the opportunity to share their views about the home’s location, to establish whether they feel safe and to offer feedback on the quality of care and support that they are offered by not only the home but local services too.

It is important for the home’s management have a broad understanding of the area in which the home is located and the characteristics of the local environment.

When carrying out a Location Risk Assessment, the home management will need to take into account;

* Whether the location of the home potentially places an already vulnerable child in an area that could continuing allowing that young person vulnerable to harm such as being targeted for CSE and/or radicalisation
* Whether the location will allow young people to continue exhibiting offending and anti-social behaviour;
* 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 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.

1. **LOCAL ATTRACTIONS**

* Kenley Aerodrome
* Wontford Road Green
* Reedham Park Tennis Club
* Dollypers Hill Nature Reserve
* Coulsdon & Purley Air Cadets
* Higher Drive Recreation Ground
* Valley Park Leisure Complex, My Vue Cinema, Bowling
* The Colonnades Leisure Park, Oxygen Activeplay
* Centrale & Whitgift Shopping Centre, Croydon

The area continues to be under development to provide local amenities to residents.

The wider Croydon area also puts on events during the year in food and retail park “Boxpark Croydon”, Fairfields Hall and Addington Park.

Upon going further outside of Purley we have access to places such as:

* Easy access to London.
* Shopping centres such as Bromley Glades which is easily accessible by train or car, or Bluewater which is accessible by car.
* Seaside coastal areas, including Brighton Pier.

This is not an exhaustive list.

1. **LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES**

Health services located near the home that we use;

#### Keston Medical Practice

Purley War Memorial Hospital

856 Brighton Road

Purley

Surrey, CR8 2YL

**Specsavers Opticians and Audiologists**

943 Brighton Rd,

Purley, CR8 2UN

**Foxley Lane Dental**

49 Foxley Lane,

Purley, CR8 3EH

#### Croydon University Hospital

530 London Road   
Croydon   
CR7 7YE T

Tel: **020 8401 3000**

**Croydon Sexual Health Centre**

Croydon University Hospital,

530 London Road,

Croydon, CR7 7YE

**Crystal Children’s Development Centre**

Malling Close

Addiscombe

Croydon CR0 7YD

Tel: 020 8274 6850

1. **KEY CONTACTS, RESOURCES AND SERVICES**

The Children’s home already has links within the local authority in order to consult about any local issues or individual issues with young people. The key links for local services are detailed below.

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| **Local Service** | **Key Individual and Contact Details** |
| LADO | LADO Service Manager  Steve Hall: [steve.hall@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:steve.hall@croydon.gov.uk)  Telephone: 020 8726 6000 Ext 24334  Mobile: 07825 830328  LADO  Jane Parr: [jane.parr@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:jane.parr@croydon.gov.uk)  Telephone: 020 8726 6000 Ext 24817  Mobile: 07716092630  Email: [LADO@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:LADO@croydon.gov.uk) |
| Crime / Missing Persons |  |
| Local Probation / YOT | Croydon Youth Offending Service  **Phone:** 020 8404 5800  **Address:** Youth Offending Service, Turnaround Centre, 51-55 South End, Croydon, CR0 1BF |
| Local Health Services | Croydon Community Health Services Lennard Road 12-18 Lennard Road  Croydon CR9 2RS Tel: **020 8274 6300** |
| Residents |  |

RISK ASSESSMENT &

RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

ROAD

LOCAL TRANSPORT LINKS

ACCESS TO LOCAL HIGH STREET

RAILWAY LINES AND ROUTES

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS – including local crime information and education/transport links and services.

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| **Risk Assessment -** *Potential risk factors due to the location of the home and the environment surrounding the home;* |
| **Road safety;**  The road outside of the residential home is not very busy but does provide access to a large residential area. The speed limit is 20mph. This can be a risk to staff, young people, or other pedestrians/drivers when young people are displaying challenging behaviour, such as absconding, or wanting to cause harm to themselves. Again, the road is not busy, but driver’s reaction time could potentially be an issue if young people are not considering road safety in times of anti-social or aggressively reactive behaviour.  If any young person, staff, or visitor were to access the road during the daylight hours, the road is quite well maintained along with the footpaths. At night there is the added safety of streetlights that go off at midnight. This may only be a risk if young people abscond after midnight and cannot see where they are going.  The home may accommodate young people with a history of missing behaviour and emotional instability and on occasions this may cause them to possibility attempt to leave the premises on foot and access the road in order to abscond or have time and space away from the home.  Whilst young people are new to the area there is the added risk that they may be unfamiliar with the local area, potentially resulting in young people getting lost, and causing anxiety. |

**Risk Levels PRIOR to Preventative Measures in place: ROAD SAFETY**

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| Probability of risk occurring | | | **Total Risk** |
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| Severity of possible injury/harm | | |
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| **Risk Management –** *Strategies, actions and protective factors that the home will undertake to manage, limit and prevent the risk of harm to its young people;* |
| Upon arrival to the home, young people will be given supervised access to the community in order to allow them to familiarise themselves with the local area. This also allows for staff to observe if young people are competent in road safety, stranger danger, and support them in these areas if necessary.  Staff can also offer use of the home’s vehicles in line with individual care plans to support young people to become knowledgeable in the local area in a safe manner. Prior to accommodating any young person at ***The Haydn***, this risk assessment can be offered, for potential placing authorities. This can support them to make a clear judgement on if ***The Haydn*** is suitable for their possible young person. As part of a matching process the local area can be discussed, as it may be deemed that Purley is unsuitable for any reason.  If a young person were to leave the home without support and guidance from staff, staff may offer an alternative option if safe to do so, e.g. walking around the block with staff, using the garden, or going for a drive. Any concerns around YP’s in relation to the road will be added in their individual risk assessment. |

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| **Risk Assessment -** *Potential risk factors due to the location of the home and the environment surrounding the home;* |
| **Local Transport Links;**  We have a bus service that runs local to the home which can take you to Purley High Street or the train station. This is a service that runs from early morning to late night but only runs a limited service on a Sunday. There are two mainline rail stations in Purley: Purley and Reedham. Both have connections to London Bridge, London Victoria and Gatwick Airport. There are no London Underground services nearby.  There is a direct link to the M23 within a short drive from the home and access to the M25 from the M23. The A23 can be accessed within a very short drive from the home which gives a direct route into central London. The M23 also gives direct access to Gatwick in the opposite direction.  We must be mindful when looking at referrals if young people are prolific absconders, high risk of CSE or gang connections due to the different methods of transport available. Due to the ease of getting in and out of London we will always communicate this with potential placements if applicable. |

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| **Risk Management –** *Strategies, actions and protective factors that the home will undertake to manage, limit and prevent the risk of harm to its young people;* |
| With the suburban location of ***The Haydn*** and the limited transport links to and from the home, the home is able to offer an environment that can potentially restrict and discourage young people from exhibiting missing behaviour however the train station being a fairly close distance from the home staff can easily arrive at the station prior to their arrival.  Also, if a young person was to abscond via busses there is a direct bus from the home to the train station, but this is not very frequent the young person will need to wait at the bus stop, which again staff can get to very quickly with the use of the company cars.  Initiating ***The Haydn’s*** matching process and formulating an initial risk assessment in collaboration with the placing authority, family (if appropriate) and any other relevant professionals, will assist the homes manager in making an informed decision as to whether the homes location and suburban location will be a significant enough deterrent and safeguarding measure to reduce a young person’s missing behaviour.  The homes staff will be aware of the local bus and train routes and the homes risk assessment and missing protocols will reflect the actions that staff will take if a young person were to attempt to access local transport. As mentioned previously, staff have company vehicles that will allow staff to follow any buses and attend any local train stations in attempt to prevent and reduce the chances of any harm coming to a young person. |

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| **Risk Assessment -** *Potential risk factors due to the location of the home and the environment surrounding the home;* |
| **Access to Local High Street;**  The home is situated approximately 1.7 miles away from Purley High Street. It has a number of shops, pubs, clubs, fast food chains and restaurants. The majority of the shops are closed by 8pm but the fast-food chains and transport links would be accessible late into the night. The closest shop is a 7-minute walk from our home; this is a local convenience store. We also have a variety of small shops located in Coulsdon if the opposite direction from Purley High Street, of which some of these are open late into the night.  The home is situated between Purley, Kenley and Coulsdon which is 4.5 miles away from Croydon Town Centre. Croydon Town Centre has many shops, late night bar and clubs and fast-food chains. Naturally, the home will have to consider that when conducting the matching process, that any concerns about a young person spending time in the Town centre and smaller surrounding areas mentioned could be a risk.  The risk of harm and exposure to negative influences will need to be considered prior to the commencement of the placement along with how the more time is spent in these areas may cause a young person to be exposed to crime and anti-social behaviour as well as potentially be groomed and/or subject to CSE. |

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| **Risk Management –** *Strategies, actions and protective factors that the home will undertake to manage, limit and prevent the risk of harm to its young people;* |
| Whilst maintaining a balance of encouraging social skills and educating young people on potential risks, the home will prior to any placement commencing have an initial Impact Risk Assessment in place that outlines the potential risks and vulnerabilities of each young person.  Due to the nature and location of the service, it is very likely that any young people that are accommodated at ***The Haydn*** will be initially on 1:1 supervision out in the community until such time that all the homes management, placing authority and family (where appropriate) are satisfied that a young person is able to be trusted to manage their behaviour out in the community on their own and not place themselves at risk of harm.  All arrangements for young people having “free time” away from the home will be discussed and agreed with all the professionals involved, with the family (where appropriate) and with the young person to ensure that the young person feels that they have contributed to the decision making, that they are aware of the expectations placed upon them and understand the reasons for certain decisions being made.  Once any arrangements are in place it will be the homes duty to frequently monitor the arrangements around a young person’s unsupervised time and ensure that this “free time” is being used suitably and in a way that ensures that the young person remains safe from harm. There are numerous non-invasive and intrusive monitoring strategies that the homes staff can use to monitor a young person’s behaviour, safety and “free time” such as;   * Regular communication with a young person before, during and after any “free time” to monitor their movements * Work closely with the young person’s family, friends and any relevant people at clubs, schools and schemes to gather important information about how the young person is whilst away from the home * Staff noticing a change in patterns of behaviour; for example, a young person begins returning home and not presenting as they usually do, that a young person has some new belongings that cannot be explained and sensitively exploring why a 10-minute train journey has taken 2 hours   Staff will record and report in a timely manner any concerning patterns of behaviour, sudden changes to how a young person is presenting as well as any concerns around CSE, CCE, radicalisation or any other risks that may present. The homes staff will work with all professionals and external services in order to protect a young person from harm and frequently consult with the relevant services to monitor any ongoing risks.  Due to us working in close partnership with our allocated police officers, they are usually open around particular risks at certain areas that our young people may frequent or inform us if young people’s peers are desirable (without breaking confidentiality).  Provided at the back of this document, are some crime statistics on the area of Purley. |

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| **Risk Assessment -** *Potential risk factors due to the location of the home and the environment surrounding the home;* |
| **Railway Lines;**  There is a railway line 0.8 miles away from the home. This railway line cannot be accessed easily on foot and is not in the direct vicinity of the home and has high fencing surrounding it restricting any access to unauthorised persons. |

**Risk Levels PRIOR to Preventative Measures in place: RAILWAY LINES**

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| Probability of risk occurring | | | **Total Risk** |
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| Severity of possible injury/harm | | |
| Low = 1 | Moderate = 2 | High = 3 |
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| **Risk Management –** *Strategies, actions and protective factors that the home will undertake to manage, limit and prevent the risk of harm to its young people;* |
| Although the railways lines are some distance from the home and not easily accessed, this is a risk that must be considered and reviewed during the matching process and throughout a young person’s placement at ***The Haydn***. The railways lines are not something that a young person will immediately be drawn to or can access easily as it requires a fair amount of walking.  Staff will support any young person that leaves the home by safely following on foot and/or the homes vehicle to attempt to return the young person to the home safely without any significant incidents occurring. Staff that following young people on foot will have access to a “Grab Bag” that will contain essential items and equipment that maybe needed to support staff in trying to minimise the risk of the young person coming to any harm. The items in the “Grab-Bag” include;   * A torch, map of the local area, some money, a first aid kit and a whistle.   If in extreme circumstances a young person is placing themselves and/or staff at risk, then staff may have no option but to use physical intervention as a safety measure and/or contact the emergency services for assistance. |

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**LOCAL EDUCATION PROVISIONS**

**Woodcote High School**

Distance: 1.9 Miles

Phase: Secondary

Ofsted rating: 2 Good (Inspected 20/03/2018)

Number of Pupils:

Address: Meadow Rise, Coulsdon, CR5 2EH

Acting Headteacher: Ms Kirstie Woodcock

Website: http://www.woodcotehigh.com

**Riddlesdown Collegiate**

Distance: 2.6 Miles

Phase: Secondary

Ofsted rating: 1 Outstanding (Inspected 22/03/2023)

Number of Pupils: 1800

Address: Riddlesdown Collegiate, Honister Heights, Purley CR8 1EX

Principal: Mr Soumick Dey

Website: [http://www.riddlesdown.org](http://www.riddlesdown.org/)

**Thomas More Catholic School**

Distance: 2.8 Miles

Phase: Secondary

Ofsted rating: 2 Good (Inspected 01/05/2019)

Number of Pupils: 705

Address: Russell Hill Road, Purley, CR8 2XP

Head of school: Nathan Walters

Website: http://www.tmore.org.uk

**Harris Academy Purley**

Distance: 3.5 Miles

Phase: Secondary

Ofsted rating: 2 Good (Inspected 01/03/2023)

Number of Pupils:

Address: Kendra Hall Road, South Croydon, CR2 6DT

Principal: Mr Tim Allman

Website: http://www.harrispurley.org.uk

**RAILWAY STATIONS**

**Reedham Station** is 0.8 miles away.

**Address:** Reedham Station, Old Lodge Lane, Purley, Greater London, CR8 4DJ

*Reedham Station is situated on the Southern and Thameslink Main Line and is managed by Southern. Reedham Station is staffed Monday to Friday.*

**Purley Station** is 1.4 miles away.

**Address:** Purley Station, Station Approach, Whytecliffe Road, Purley, CR2 2AP

*Purley Station is situated on the Southern, Gatwick Express and Thameslink Main Line and is managed by Southern. Purley Station is on a full-time basis.*

**Kenley Station** is 1.6 miles away.

**Address:** Kenley Station, Kenley Lane, Kenley, CR8 5DF

*Kenley Station is situated on the Southern Eastern Main Line and is managed by Southern. Kenley Station is on a full-time basis.*