



Safe Area Report – September 2023



Name of Children's Home:	Pembroke House Children's Home
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New Home. Planning permission being applied for (tick if applicable)	
Existing Home	√

This report is completed in line with changes to the Children's Homes Regulations 2001 (as amended) and The Care Standards Act 2000 (Registration) (England) Regulations 2010. Regulation 31.

The change to Regulation 31 imposes the duty 'to ensure that all homes are suitably located, and this must be risk assessed annually (within the calendar year), involving local agencies, as appropriate'.

The aim of this document is to ensure 'that the premises are used for the purpose of the home are located so that the children are effectively safeguarded'

Date Report

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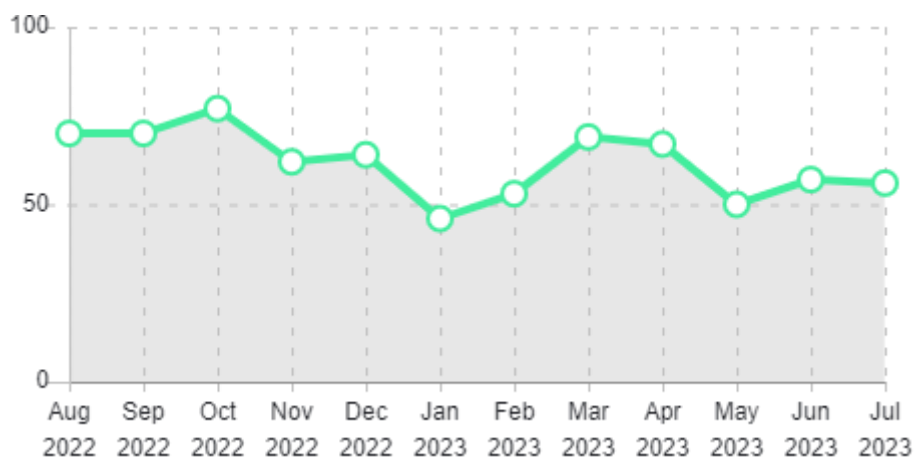
In compiling this report we have consulted the following Agencies

Agency	Date Letter/Enquiry sent/made	Date Response Received*	Concerns expressed - summary	User Note
Police Crime Website	Crime web site researched.	August 2023	No concerns	http://www.police.uk
Kent Safeguarding Children	July 2023	Verbal response	Constant communication throughout the year.	
LAC Nurse	July 2023	Verbal response	No concerns	

Agencies were asked to list any concerns they may have within 1 mile radius of Pembroke House.

Crime Maps and keeping up to date with them assists us in our risk planning. These are the up-to-date crimes within the local area of Pembroke House and were obtained via Kent Police.

Missing Child Liaison Officer	Ged Gunn	Mobile 07969 584014	mcet.west@Kent.police.uk
Swanley Police Station	August 2023	Referred back to MCLO	



Description of the Home

Pembroke House Children's Home is a registered home established in 14th December 2005. It now offers placements for up to 6 children aged between 8 and 17 on admission. We offer medium to long term placements for children who need to be away from their family environment. The home is



located within Hextable and a short distance from Swanley with easy access public transport and sporting and leisure facilities.

THE ETHOS AT PEMBROKE HOUSE

We work tirelessly with vulnerable children who need to live in an environment that is non abusive and that is honest and respectful and fun with adults that can survive their destructive behaviours and understand how their past experiences have impacted their lives and help build their self-esteem and enable them to go on to lead healthy and happy lives.

Aims

- To provide a living environment for vulnerable children where it is understood that honesty and mutual respect is imperative to a happy and healthy home.
- To provide an education to children in a creative way to enable them to learn and achieve and not be disadvantaged.
- To live in an environment that promotes health and well-being and helps children develop personal and social skills.
- To provide opportunities for children to learn essential life, Independence and transition to work skills
- To ensure that all children's cultural and identity needs are met through life story work and using community resources where necessary to ensure that the child is not disadvantaged by living in our care.
- Become specialist providers in looking after some of the most vulnerable and challenging children and provide them with a safe and secure environment to grow and develop healthily.
- Employ staff who are committed to do the real work involved in caring for these damaged children after they have been endlessly assessed in other environments.
- Employ staff who are able to survive the aggressive and destructive behaviours which have ended past placements.
- To help build positive and secure attachments with adults who do not abuse them and who enjoy and want to look after them.
- Continually learn to work therapeutically with the children and nurture them unconditionally.
- To apply clearly defined boundaries for children to feel safe and ensure that their day has structure and meaning.
- To continually learn and understand the unconscious processes involved in working with the projected feelings of the children and working within a group environment.
- To be committed to challenging anti-social and delinquent behaviour.
- Be committed to enabling the children to develop healthy lifestyles and make positive contributions to their own care and the community.
- To ensure that everyone who works at J&R Care believe that all children have a voice and should be heard



Facilities at Pembroke House

It is a detached house with 6 bedrooms, 2 communal bathrooms and 2 washrooms, large kitchen, living room, dining room, office, and a large garden; there is a front part tarmacked area for car parking.

The ground floor comprises of a spacious entrance hall, an office; kitchen; lounge and dining room; a WC and a bedroom.

On the second floor, there are four bedrooms and a main bathroom and separate wc. There is also a large walk in laundry room and room housing the boiler and spare linen. There is also a quiet area with armchairs and a notice board.

On the third floor there is a therapy room and an office and a staff sleeping in room. The home is well furnished and tastefully decorated throughout.

The YP bedrooms are lockable and consist of: A single or double bed, a television with free view and DVD player, a wardrobe and a chest of drawers and a desk for private study.

The Lounge is a communal area and consists of: A television with Sky TV, 2 x 3 seated Sofas, a selection of DVD's and a stereo and board games and a games console with a selection of games.

The communal bathroom is lockable and consists of: A bath with shower, a toilet and washbasin.

The Kitchen consists of: A fully fitted kitchen with a range cooker, an American style double fridge/freezer, a microwave, a dishwasher, a kettle, all utensils and cookware that is required in a kitchen for preparing and cooking meals. There is also a centrally located breakfast style bench.

The Dining Room is a communal area and consists of: Dining Table and Chairs. This room is also used as a meeting room and a quiet area where the YP can study or complete homework. The Garden consists of: A large Grassed area, a paved area with a basketball net, a second grassed area which houses a trampoline and can be marked out for sports days and for football matches. Within the grounds is also The Annex School which consists of a self-contained building with a small entrance hall, a separate wc and wash basin and two classrooms.



<p>Violence and Sexual Offences within the area</p>	<p>Police Crime Website</p>	<p>Many of the young people that are placed at Pembroke House have experienced either neglect or in some cases abuse in their family homes. They are, in some cases, very angry young people due to this. They have not yet learnt to control this anger and there is a risk of either of them presenting this behaviour within the local community or becoming influenced by violence. They are also very vulnerable and are at risk of sexual exploitation.</p>	<p>All children at Pembroke House are supervised at all times. If a child is allowed free time in the community this will be risk assessed and agreed with the placing authority. The home has developed good links with the local police and when a child goes missing, we have a local protocol which helps to trace the young person as quick as possible. It is impossible to eliminate the risk completely. All children are worked with around socially acceptable behaviour. All children are issued with mobile phones and are aware of how to call for help if needed.</p> <p>All staff are trained in all Safeguarding matters and including recognising signs of abuse and sexual exploitation.</p>
<p>Young people out late at night/running away with the local area</p>	<p>Police public protection-Missing Co-ordinator, Safeguarding/self-observation</p>	<p>Children going missing from the home. The Missing Persons team have no concerns about the home and are happy we are doing all that we are able to try and prevent young people going missing</p>	<p>We have met with the local missing person coordinator and have helped in putting together a local protocol.</p> <p>The staff at Pembroke House have regular contact with the coordinator and the Directors monitor this on a regular basis All staff are trained in all Safeguarding matters and including recognising signs of abuse and sexual exploitation.</p>
<p>Country Lane outside of house</p>	<p>LAC nurse/ Self observation</p>	<p>The lane outside the home is a country lane and either side of the house is a bend. The risks would be that a young person would run out into the road, for instance after a football, and be hit by a car.</p>	<p>The home has installed gates to the front of the property and is fenced in with fence or railings to prevent risk of injury by cars coming around the lanes.</p> <p>Young people area also taught about road safety.</p>



<p>New Barn Park</p>	<p>Self-Observation</p>	<p>New barn park has a play park and a huge lake where water sports take place. Risks within the park include: Drowning in the lake Getting lost in the great expanse of Greenland</p> <p>Encountering bullying from others using the park</p>	<p>All young people are taught about stranger danger. All young people are supervised at all times within the home and if possible are accompanied by an adult if wanting to go out and play in the park.</p> <p>If a child is allowed free time in the community this will be risk assessed and agreed with the placing authority. This would normally be agreed if we and the local authority deem them to be at an age where they are aware of risks and are able to make sensible decisions.</p> <p>The home has developed good links with the local police and when a child goes missing, we have a local protocol which helps to trace the young person as quick as possible. It is impossible to eliminate the risk completely. All children are worked with around socially acceptable behaviour. All children are issued with mobile phones and are aware of how to call for help if needed.</p> <p>The young people attend water sports courses to familiarise themselves with water and also if a young person is unable to swim, they will be given lessons. All staff are trained in all Safeguarding matters and including recognising signs of abuse and sexual exploitation</p>
<p>Train Station</p>	<p>Self-observation</p>	<p>The train station is within walking distance from the house. The risks with the train station include: Children falling into onto the rails</p> <p>Children using the train system to run away</p>	<p>The children at Pembroke House are always supervised. When a child runs away from the home on a regular basis, staff liaise with station staff and ensure that they have a picture of the child.</p>