

## APPENDIX A – Applicant’s Location Risk Assessment for Ofsted purposes

### Location Risk Assessment

**Date of Assessment:** 20.01.2024

**Assessed by:** *Claire Bates, Director, Intended Registered Manager*

**Home Address:** Temple Farm, Upton Scudamore, Warminster, Wiltshire. BA12 0AQ.

#### Introduction

Children need to feel safe in their immediate environment and surrounding area and the area needs to meet their needs and provide for their safety. We have chosen our location to support the development and transition of our children. We feel that the area around our property provides a safe and vibrant environment, filled with opportunity. However every area comes with risk, and any potential risks need to be assessed and mitigated. The purpose of this document is to identify these risks and strategies that can be used to mitigate them to provide the best possible service to our children.

A location is dynamic and changes constantly; the risks may change with time and different risks may apply to each young person differently according to their vulnerability. This location risk assessment is therefore under constant review and will be reviewed by the Registered Manager at least once a year. This review will include:

- relevant risk mitigation strategies and actions taken to reduce potential risks
- When the home has young people it will include their views and experiences.

The availability of appropriate support and services in the local area (e.g. education, health, CAHMS), as well as risk factors, will be considered before accepting the placement of a young person.

*This location risk assessment follows Regulation 46 of the Children’s Homes Regulations 2015 places this statutory requirement, on children’s homes to review the suitability of their location on an annual basis.*

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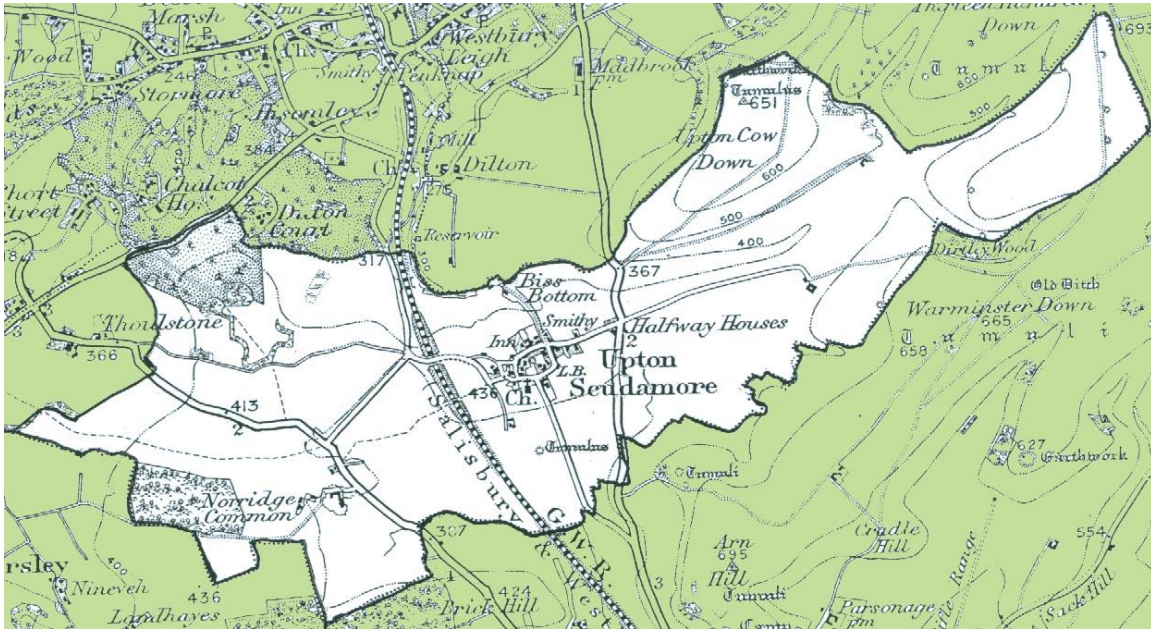
- 1 *The registered person must review the appropriateness and suitability of the location of the premises used for the purposes of the children’s home at least once in each calendar year taking into account the requirement in regulation 12(2)(c) (the protection of children standard).*
- 2 *When conducting the review, the registered person must consult, and take into account the views of, each relevant person*



## Location Overview

Temple farm is a large detached 5 bedroom house set in its own grounds with around an acre of land. The home is located in the quiet rural village of Upton Scudamore.

The homes location, design and size, complements its function and purpose as well as serves the needs of the young people it will accommodate. Temple Farm is going to be registered for young people from the ages of 6-18 and is a group-living setting for all genders. Each young person has their own bedroom, which they can decorate and personalise to their own taste. In the best interests of protecting young people's privacy and the security of their possessions, locks have been fitted to all bedroom doors which are fully accessible by adults in an emergency, locks will have a thumb turn on the inside and a key hole on the outside meaning a person could not get locked in. Each young person is encouraged to take responsibility for their bedroom and their immediate environment. Temple Farm has two main bathrooms as well as one separate toilet, in order to accommodate the personal needs of all young people. The home has a pond in the garden which has a depth of 2 foot at its deepest point. The pond will have a mesh put over the top to ensure the safety of the young people. Ultimately, the ethos within the home is to provide a holistic, nurturing, child centred approach; within a safe and stimulating family environment. All young people at Temple farm will experience positive role modelling and peer group living. Clear boundaries, structured routines and personalised, achievable outcomes consistent with the Placement Plan are implemented and evidenced. Leisure and recreational activities are also an integral part of daily life, encouraging all young people to develop a positive role within the community and in turn develop new skills or interests.



## Demographics

Upton Scudamore is made up of a population of 286 people according to the 2021 population census. The village is 9.531 km<sup>2</sup> which equates to a population density of 30.01/km<sup>2</sup> which is much lower than the national average.

Its split between Males and Females is similar to the national average with there being 47.2% male and 52.8% female.

### Age distribution:

Below is a graph taking the age distribution of Upton Scudamore from the 2021 Census. Data shows that just over 10% of the population is under the age of 19 with just over 8% of these being 10-19 years old this is slightly lower than the national average of 11% but will give them ample of opportunity due to the small size of the village to socialize with peers.

Age Distribution (C 2021)	
80+ years	23
70-79 years	52
60-69 years	49
50-59 years	55
40-49 years	30
30-39 years	17
20-29 years	24
10-19 years	22
0-9 years	14

### Local Crime Data

The home is situated in a small village and short drive from market towns, where all young people can access facilities in the community. The quality standards state the importance of all young people developing a role within the community and the impact this has on their social, economic and emotional

well-being. Having a direct role in the community also helps young people to understand and conform to social norms as well as build trusting, healthy relationships with authoritative members

The towns of Warminster and Frome can be appealing to our young people. This could lead to engagement in anti-social activities such as drug, alcohol use and criminal activity. Temple Farm itself is situated in a small village, it is over an hours walk, across countryside, from the nearest town which helps reduce the level of risk to our young people.

At Temple Farm we will work in partnership with varying agencies in order to provide the best quality of care possible. Wiltshire Police offer support and risk management to the young people we care for. If adults within the team have concerns about the safety of a child or proposed risk they can contact Wiltshire police:

If your call is an emergency please dial 999.

If you need to report a non-urgent crime/incident/anti-social behaviour, request an update on an investigation or make a complaint then please dial 101.

To contact your Community Policing Team (CPT) about a community-related matter, then please email [cptwestwiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:cptwestwiltshire@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk)

All staff at Temple Farm will empower each young person to understand the benefits of working together with the police and other authorities, some of our children will have a positive rapport, understanding the police are there as a resource to keep others safe. However, unfortunately due to some of our young people's adverse childhood experiences they struggle to maintain a healthy rapport with authority figures such as police.

There are no known gangs' in the area, due to being a very rural. However due to the high level of risks some of our young people may have had previous involvement in gang culture, county lines or anti-social behaviour. The adults at Temple Farm will adopt a multi-agency approach working with the local police, youth offending teams and substance misuse workers. Additionally they will have training in CSE, county lines and substance misuse in order to help minimize the level of risk and educate our young people. If an adult suspects any gang related activity they will follow all safeguarding procedures and report any concerns to the appropriate agencies.

#### Crimes reported in Upton Scudamore in 2023

Nov 23 - 1 x Vehicle Crime

Oct 23 – 1 x anti-social behaviour

Aug 23 – 1 x violence or sexual offences

May 23 – 1 x burglary

March 23 – 1 x criminal Damage and arson

Crime is significantly lower than the national average and there has been no one crime more than once in the year of 2023.

## **Local Consultation**

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We also ensure we maintain at least bi-monthly communication with Wiltshire Police Missing from care coordinator ([REDACTED]), all of our young people will have a Philomena Protocol to ensure the most valid and accurate data is shared with police in case of an emergency or missing period.

Some of the Wiltshire police team within the local area are as follows:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

DOFA [dofaservice@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:dofaservice@wiltshire.gov.uk) 03004560108 out of hours 03004560100

MASH [mash@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:mash@wiltshire.gov.uk) 03004560108 out of hours 03004560100

## **Accessibility of Amenities and Services**

The local area around Upton Scudamore has a wealth of services and amenities to make it a vibrant and interesting place to live, with plenty of opportunities for leisure, learning and developing life skills within a short driving distance. There is a wide range of health providers and a diverse selection of religious organisations to keep our children safe and healthy in their bodies and their souls.

We will have cars within the home to transport young people around the local area and will also ensure that we teach them around the use of public transport that can be used locally.

## **Health Services:**

GP Avenue Surgery, Warminster 01985 224600 14-16 The Avenue, Warminster BA12 9AA

Opticians Specsavers 01985 219016 Unit 26 Three Horseshoes Walk, Warminster BA12 9BT

Opticians Boots Opticians 01985 213018 51/53 Market Pl, Warminster BA12 9AZ

Dentist My dentist 01985 213073 48 High St, Warminster BA12 9AF

Dentist Bupa Dental Care Warminster 01985 846100 1 Station Rd, Warminster BA12 9BR

Dentist Chantry Dental 01985 846576 48 High St, Warminster BA12 9AF

A&E Frome Community Hospital 01373 454740 Enos Way, Frome BA11 2FH

A&E Salisbury Hospital 01722 336262 Odstock Rd, Salisbury SP2 8BJ

A&E RUH, Bath 01225 428331 Combe Park, Bath, Avon BA1 3NG

CAMHS Melksham Hospital CAMHS service 01865 903777 Spa Road Melksham Wiltshire SN12 7NZ

Wiltshire Sexual Health Service WISE 01722 425120 Spa Road Melksham Wiltshire SN12 7NZ

Motiv8 Substance Misuse Service Motiv8 0800 1696136 14 St. James' Parade, Bath BA1 1UL – Head office address

Dentist Dental care Westbury 01373 858580 11 Westbury Mall Edward Street Westbury Wiltshire BA13 3DR

Despite being in a rural area all health care providers are located within the surrounding local towns and cities which are a short drive away. All young people will be registered at all healthcare practices including dentistry, general practitioners and opticians; additionally due to the varying needs of the young people who will be residing at Temple Farm, they may require additional healthcare provisions including clinical interventions such as CAMHS, there is a local CAMHS service based in the South West as well as sexual health clinics if the need is there. We also have access to a wide range of local hospitals or Accident and Injury units.

### **Education and Training Providers**

Specialist Provision Wessex Lodge School 01373 453414 Wessex Lodge, Frome BA11 4LA

Further education Bath College 01225 312191 Avon Street, Bath BA1 1UP

Further education Yeovil College 01935 423921 Mudford Road, Yeovil BA21 4DR

Further education Wiltshire College 01225 350035 College Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire BA14 0ES

Secondary Education Kingdown School 01985 215551 Woodcock Rd, Warminster BA12 9DR

Secondary Education John of Gaunt School 01225 762637 Wingfield Rd, Trowbridge BA14 9EH

Secondary Education Clarendon Academy 01225 762686 Frome Rd, Trowbridge BA14 0DJ

Secondary Education Matravers School 01373 822666 Springfield Rd, Westbury BA13 3QH

Primary Education Princecroft Primary School 01985 212704 Princecroft Lane, Warminster BA12 8NT

Primary Education St John's C of E Primary School 01985 213446 Boreham Road, Warminster BA12 9JY

Primary Education The Avenue Primary School 01985 213383 7 The Avenue, Warminster BA12 9AA.

There are many mainstream and specialist educational provisions to meet the individual needs of our young people. Many of the children who will be living at Temple Farm will often have disrupted, inconsistent periods in schools. Therefore it is very important to work alongside the team around the child, the young person themselves and the placing authorities in order to establish the best educational setting for them.

Due to living in a rural area, all young people will be provided with transport in order to fully access their education. Depending on the developmental and safety needs of the child, they may work towards getting means of public transport independently, although this will be a phased transition with adult support and guidance.

## Leisure Facilities

Gym and Swimming Warminster sports Centre 01985 212946 Woodcock Road, Warminster BA12 9DQ

Trowbridge Odeon cinema 0333 014 4501 St. Stephen's Place, Trowbridge BA14 8TQ

Hollywood bowl 0844 477 0492 Aspects Leisure Park 2, Longwell Green, Bristol

Musical youth group Rock project 01225 774306 Trowbridge City Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire

Wiltshire ACF HQ services 01380 724114 Woodcock Lane, Warminster, Wiltshire

Warminster Saddle Club 01747 854021 Coppice St, Shaftesbury SP7 8PF

Air cadet force HQ services 07870 660330 Off Woodcock Ln, Imber Rd, Warminster BA12 9JJ

Highbury Football Club 07769 641546 Highbury Ground Woodcock Road Warminster Wiltshire BA12 9DG

Sky blue girls football club 07595512468

Warminster Cricket Club 01985 219039 34 Sambourne Rd, Warminster BA12 8LH

Warminster Rugby Club 01985 214755 Folly Lane, Warminster BA12 7RG

Frome youth and community Centre 01373 489598 Vallis Road, Frome BA11 3EF

Centre Parcs Activity/ holiday venue 01985 848068 Longleat Forest, Warminster BA12 7PU

Bloc indoor rock climbing 0117 955 8508 Bloc Climbing Units 2-3 New Gatton Road Bristol BS2 9SH

White Horse Equestrian Horse riding lessons 01373 822057 Long river farm, Newton, Westbury BA13 3ED

Snooker Club Players Westbury 01373 858270 26 Quartermaster Rd, West Wilts Trading Estate, Westbury BA13 4JT

Bouldering Cafe Frome Boulder Rooms 01373 474914 unit 3 & 4 The cotton Works, Vallis Road, Frome, BA11 3EN

The rural nature of the home could lead to isolation or barriers to social participation and engagement. We will have two cars available to adults and young people at all times. Adults will work proactively with the local community to identify opportunities for engagement in sporting/leisure and social events. This includes participation in youth groups, hobbies and voluntary sector services. At Temple Farm all young people will be encouraged to participate in a range of activities within the community, whether this be adult led, time out with family/ friends, attending a club/ sports team or having a part time job. There are a wide range of activities available to the young people within a 15/20min radius in Trowbridge, Warminster and Frome; and a larger selection of activities in the nearby cities such as Salisbury, Southampton, Bath and Bristol.

## Religious Organisations

St Mary the Virgin 01985 215460 Church lane Upton Scudamore BA12 0AH

St John's Church 01985 840187 11 Springhead, Sutton Veny, Warminster BA12 7AG



Foundation Christian Fellowship Church Grace Christian Centre 01985 217613 Unit 1, Woodcock Industrial Estate, Warminster BA12 9DX

United Church 01373 858805 George St, Warminster BA12 8QA

Warminster Baptist Church 01985 212162 N Row, Warminster BA12 9AD

Christ Church 01985 212138 Weymouth St, Warminster BA12 9NS

St Catharine's Church Catholic Church 01373 462705 4 Park Rd, Frome BA11 1EU

Trowbridge Mosque 01225 777993 54 Long field Road, Trowbridge, BA14 7AE

Park Row Synagogue 0117 4270613 9 Park Row, Bristol, BS1 5LP

All young people will be encouraged to celebrate their ethnicity, diversity and beliefs. If a child has any religious commitments, they will be fully supported to access and attend all ceremonies. It is important for all young people to feel empowered, listened to and encouraged to explore different cultures and communities. Despite being a rural area, all children will be able to access their places of worship. Any cultural needs/ practices will be explored when visiting the young person, before they move to Temple Farm to establish the best support techniques and ensure all preparations are ready for their arrival.

### **Transport Links**

Warminster Train station 0345 7000125 Station road, Warminster, BA12 9BP

Starline Taxi Service 01985 212288 38A Market Place, Warminster

Frome Bus 01373 471474 Georges Ground, Frome, BA11 4RP

DJs Taxis 01985 215151 The Old Parcel Office, Station road, Warminster

There is a bus service through the village of Upton Scudamore which is first bus D1 service.

### **Feedback from Children**

We will look at gaining the views of the young people once they move into the home and add this into the risk assessment on its review every 3 months.

### **Consultation with local authorities and services:**

Although Temple Farm is yet to open we have reached out to the following who we have shared our intentions with, both the intended Registered Manager and Intended Responsible Individual already have relationships and experiences with the following:

Wiltshire Local authority – Commissioning team

Local Police – Early Intervention Officer

Local Missing Persons Police Liaison

Local Substance Misuse Service manager – Motiv8

CAMHS Wiltshire – Salisbury Hospital





## Risk Assessment

All young people who live at Temple Farm will have an individual risk assessment which will detail specific known individualised risks, alongside all young people having an impact risk assessment completed for them prior to admission to the home, all impact risk assessments will run alongside and in conjunction with the location risk assessment.

Risk Identified	Details of risk	Protective factors, positive counterpoints, and mitigating actions	Risk Level
Road traffic dangers in the local area	Roads always pose a danger from both traffic accidents and from children having a lapse of judgement and behaving inappropriately and unsafely near roads.	The roads around the property are quiet residential streets that pose no unusual danger.  We will discuss road safety with our children on a regular basis.	Low
Problems with neighbours/local community	Neighbours may be unhappy about a residential children's home in their area, and this may make things more difficult for our children.	The property does not stand out as different from the majority on the road being a detached home. There are no obvious indicators that the property is a residential children's home so as not to draw attention to it.  The local area has an average population of teenagers so the residents will not be unusual or stand out.  The staff will encourage participation in community events as well as local volunteering to help raise the profile of the young people and gain local support.	Medium



<p>Train and bus links</p>	<p>Train lines pose a threat of danger if children behave inappropriately on them.</p> <p>Train and bus network could present an missing risk.</p> <p>Train and bus networks provide connections to the wider area and the risk that poses.</p>	<p>We will support young people throughout the daytime on a ratio of at least 1 adult to 2 young people. We will have missing persons protocols for each young person which will detail the transport police if the train station has been used - this is one of the main areas the team will check when the young people go missing or walk away from the home.</p> <p>The train station is approx. 3 miles away from the home which will give the adults time to be able to follow and alert train stations if young people were to walk away.</p> <p>The d1 bus runs from the village approx. once per hour. The timetable will be available to adults so that they are aware of these.</p> <p>The risk that connectivity to the wider community poses is something that will always be present. Work will be done with children to help them identify safe relationships, and healthy and safe behaviours to help mitigate these everyday risks.</p> <p>The transport networks also provide connections to the opportunity to see friends and family which is protective to mental health, and provides increased job and education opportunities.</p>	<p>Medium</p>
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<p>Education providers</p>	<p>These are areas where lots of children mix. This will always come with a risk of issues between peers – bullying (online and in person), peer pressure, and being drawn into inappropriate behaviour. This may be heightened when children are being placed from out of area and have to change schools.</p>	<p>Whilst there are risks to attending education opportunities generally the benefit to the children will outweigh these. Staff will maintain open relationships with children so they can come to us with any concerns. We will also offer regular work on staying safe, and identifying healthy relationships.</p>	<p>Low</p>
<p>Mental health concerns</p>	<p>Young people are always going to be at risk of mental health issues. It is a stressful period and many of them will likely have had some serious struggles in life with poor support networks. Mental health can be worsened by moving, especially when out of area and away from friends.</p>	<p>The home will work closely with key mental health services such as the GP and CAHMS.</p> <p>The home will work with a clinician in order to deliver bespoke training to the team and well as individual support for young people and there care plans.</p> <p>Young people will be assigned a keyworker in order to build up a trusting relationship and a key support.</p>	<p>Medium</p>



<p>Drug and alcohol misuse</p>	<p>There will always be some risk of this due to the nature of young people. Young people could</p> <p>engage in substance/alcohol misuse leading to health risks and a range of potential safeguarding issues including sexual exploitation The young people may be able to obtain substances from local drug dealer via group chats on social media</p>	<p>Young people have the opportunity to access regular meetings with Motiv8 workers, to help raise awareness and understanding of the risk around substance misuse. If any concerns arise, the team will complete key works with the young people in line with any work that Motiv8 is completing with them. We will have a bespoke training package and practice guideline which informs and guides practice in relation to working with substance misuse issues.</p> <p>The home WIFI will monitor and restricted access to certain social media sites and Apps such as Telegram where young people have been known to have obtain substances from.</p>	<p>Medium</p>
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<p>Child Sexual Exploitation</p>	<p>Young people may be targeted by local people and could be sexually exploited The young people we care for are more vulnerable due to their life experiences and delay in emotional development. As well as a need to feel acceptance and develop a self-identity.</p>	<p>We assess individual risk prior to placement and ensure there are structured behaviour management strategies in place to help reduce the likelihood of risk. All adults must complete mandatory safeguarding training, adults are to attend safeguarding training annually.</p> <p>As a team we will ensure all staff are given opportunity to reflect on practice during debriefs and regular team meetings, as well as individual supervision every 4-6 weeks.</p> <p>We will work in partnership with Wiltshire Police to share intelligence, coordinate the response to concerns and ensure an effective multi-agency approach. We will work closely with local Police teams, MISPER coordinators the Youth Offending Team. We will also work within Wiltshire Safeguarding Vulnerable People Partnership protocols.</p> <p>In addition if a young person requires medical assistance or further support, there are local sexual health clinics based in Chippenham, Warminster and Melksham. Adults will support with any appointments or visits required to keep each young person safe.</p>	<p>Medium</p>
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<p>Gangs, extremist groups, and County Lines.</p>	<p>Young people may become involved in local gangs leading to an increase in criminal activity Young people may engage in antisocial behaviour locally leading to a risk of criminalisation and engagement in the criminal justice system There are no known gangs in the area</p>	<p>We will work in partnership with the local Police to share intelligence, coordinate the response to concerns and ensure effective multi-agency coordination of the approach to safeguarding. We will work closely with local Police teams, Missing from home coordinators and the YOT. We will provide structured and targeted care packages designed to address and reduce risk. This includes work on offending such as clinical input, enhanced supervision, provision of positive activities, therapeutic parenting and coordinated response to risk</p>	<p>Low</p>
<p>Environmental Hazards</p>	<p>There is a pond in the garden which has a depth of approx. 2 foot at its deepest.</p>	<p>Young people in the home will be made aware of the pond and the risks around it.</p> <p>A mesh will be put over the pond so as young people will not be able to trip and fall into this.</p>	<p>Low</p>
<p>Bridges</p>	<p>There is a bridge over the A36 which is within walking distance of the home.</p>	<p>Individual Risk Assessments will be carried out for all young people and any young person with a historic risk around bridges will be considered and control measures implemented.</p> <p>The staff team are aware of the locality of the local bridge and will consider this in the case of any young people who may go missing or have had a previous risk around bridge.</p>	<p>Medium</p>



**The Local Area and recruitment:** The towns of Warminster, Westbury, Trowbridge and Frome are all within approximately a 15 mile radius of Temple Farm, further afield are the larger cities of Bath, Bristol and Salisbury, all within commutable distance. Although there are a number of other providers within the area we have carried out a review of salary and benefits and will be offering competitive packages, as we have experience of recruitment in the area for the last 5 years we have a good understanding of the local recruitment pool and actions required to continue to recruit in a timely manner.

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