

SECURITY STATEMENT

Prepared on behalf of: Praveen Vidalap

Site address: 29 Cartmel Close, Unsworth, Bury, BL9 8JA

Application type: Full Planning Permission

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1.0 Introduction

This Security Statement has been prepared by Inhaus Planning on behalf of Praveen Vidalap to accompany the application for Full Planning Permission for the proposed children's care home at 29 Cartmel Close, Unsworth, Bury, BL9 8JA. It sets out the security arrangements to protect young people, staff, and the wider community, in accordance with the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 and the National Minimum Standards for children's homes.

2.0 Approach to Security

The provider's security approach is founded on relational security: the recognition that the safety of a residential care environment depends primarily on the quality of relationships between staff and young people and on staff's detailed knowledge of each young person's needs and circumstances. Physical security measures supplement relational security rather than substituting for it. No institutional security features — coded entry systems, perimeter fencing, resident-facing CCTV, or other non-domestic infrastructure — will be installed. The property will retain its fully residential appearance.

3.0 Staffing and Supervision

Continuous staffing at a minimum 1:1 ratio is the primary security measure. The first-floor configuration provides a dedicated sleep-in room for the waking night staff member and a separate staff office, ensuring that at least one and typically two staff members are immediately proximate to both resident bedrooms throughout the night. This arrangement provides an exceptionally high level of responsive supervision within a wholly domestic setting.

4.0 Access and Visitor Management

All visitors — social workers, healthcare professionals, family members, contractors — are required to arrange visits in advance and are met at the door by a member of staff. Unannounced visitors are not admitted without appropriate identity verification. A visitor log is maintained and available for Ofsted inspection. Family contact visits are arranged in accordance with each young person's care plan.

5.0 Physical Security Measures

The property will be fitted with appropriate domestic security measures including secure door and window locks, a monitored intruder alarm, and adequate external lighting front and rear. No non-domestic security infrastructure will be installed. All security equipment will be proportionate, discreet, and consistent with the domestic character of Cartmel Close.

6.0 Safeguarding and Risk Management

Security is closely integrated with the safeguarding framework described in the Care Management Plan and consistent with Working Together to Safeguard Children (2026). Individual risk assessments address security-related risks including unwanted external contact, contextual risks such as exploitation, and risks arising from each young person's own behaviour. Particular attention is given to contextual

safeguarding risks for older teenage residents. All security incidents are reported to Ofsted as required.

7.0 Incident Response

In the event of any security incident, the staff member on duty will follow a clear response procedure: immediate steps to ensure young people's safety, notification of Greater Manchester Police where appropriate, and notification of the Registered Manager. All incidents are logged, reviewed, and learning is incorporated into updated risk assessments.

8.0 Conclusion

The security arrangements are appropriate, proportionate, and consistent with the domestic character of the proposed home. Continuous professional staffing, robust visitor management, immediate first-floor staff presence overnight, and appropriate physical security measures provide a high level of protection for young people and staff without any compromise to the residential character of Cartmel Close. Bury Metropolitan Borough Council is invited to conclude that the security arrangements are consistent with best practice and raise no material planning concern.