

SECURITY STATEMENT

Prepared on behalf of: Praveen Videlap

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 Videlap 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, the National Minimum Standards for children's homes, and Working Together to Safeguard Children (2026).

This Statement addresses the full range of security and contextual safeguarding risks relevant to the proposed home, including contextual risks associated with gang involvement and exploitation, unwanted external contact, and the management of risks within the property and its surrounding environment.

2.0 Approach to Security

The provider's approach to security 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 the staff team's detailed knowledge of each young person's needs, history, and circumstances. Physical security measures supplement and reinforce relational security; they do not substitute for it.

Security measures will be proportionate to the assessed needs and risk profiles of the young people placed at the home. The home will not implement institutional security features. The property will retain its fully residential appearance and character at all times.

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. All staff receive security awareness training covering identification of suspicious activity, management of unwanted external contact, and escalation of security concerns.

4.0 Access and Visitor Management

All visitors — social workers, healthcare professionals, family members, contractors, and Ofsted inspectors — will be required to arrange visits in advance and will be met at the door by a member of staff. Unannounced visitors will not be admitted without appropriate identity verification. A visitor log recording name, purpose, and time of every visit will be maintained and available for Ofsted inspection. Family contact visits will be arranged and supervised in accordance with each young person's care plan and any court order or risk assessment applicable to that individual.

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, Contextual Risk Management and Environmental Assessment

Security is closely integrated with the broader safeguarding framework in the Care Management Plan and Working Together to Safeguard Children (2026). Individual risk assessments for each young person will address the full range of security-related risks, including: risks associated with unwanted external contact from individuals who may pose a risk to the young person's safety; contextual safeguarding risks including gang involvement, county lines activity, criminal exploitation, and sexual exploitation; and risks arising from the young person's own behaviour and history.

The home will maintain environmental risk assessments covering the property and its environment, including: the physical security of the premises; the surrounding street and public areas accessible to residents; the pedestrian route at the eastern end of Cartmel Close and the ginnel connection to Sunny Bank Road; and any locations identified through individual risk assessments as presenting contextual risk for a particular young person. Environmental risk assessments will be updated following any missing from care incident, any contact involving an external individual, any significant change in a young person's circumstances, or at a minimum every three months.

The home will maintain a proactive working relationship with Greater Manchester Police, including the neighbourhood policing team and, where relevant, the Public Protection Unit and Safeguarding Children team. Where a young person's risk profile indicates exposure to gang involvement, county lines activity, or contextual exploitation risk, the home will work with Greater Manchester Police and the relevant local authority through multi-agency safeguarding channels to ensure these risks are jointly addressed and relevant intelligence is shared appropriately.

7.0 Incident Response

In the event of any security incident — whether involving an unauthorised visitor, an attempted intrusion, a threatening approach from an individual associated with gang activity or exploitation, or any other external threat — 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; notification of the Registered Manager; and full incident recording. All incidents are reported to Ofsted as required. Patterns of incidents involving external individuals will trigger a review of environmental risk assessments and, where appropriate, a briefing from Greater Manchester Police's neighbourhood policing team.

8.0 Conclusion

The security arrangements in this Statement are appropriate, proportionate, and address the full range of security and contextual safeguarding risks relevant to the young people who will be accommodated at the home, including risks associated with gang involvement, exploitation, and unwanted external contact. The home's environmental risk assessment framework covers the property and its surrounding environment. Continuous professional staffing, robust visitor management, comprehensive individual and environmental risk assessment, and proactive police liaison provide a high level of protection for young people, staff, and the community without compromising 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.