

Location Risk Assessment and Management Plan

Name of home: Beardsley House	Name of the Organisation: R5Care Ltd
Address: 27 Durham Grove, Primrose, Jarrow, NE32 5YS	Date completed: 23/03/2026 Completed by: Steven Richardson Date Last reviewed: 10/06/2026 Reviewed by: Allen Robson Updates Made: Addition of crime stats and feedback from local police force.
Introduction of the neighbourhood	
Beardsley House is located within the residential area of Jarrow in South Tyneside, approximately a 20-minute drive from Newcastle city centre and close to neighbouring towns including South Shields and Hebburn. Jarrow is a well-established community with a rich industrial and maritime history and benefits from good local transport links, including access to the Tyne and Wear Metro network. The surrounding area offers a range of local amenities for young people and families, including parks, leisure facilities, sports clubs, community centres and nearby shopping facilities. Local schools and healthcare services are also easily accessible within the surrounding area. The most recent Census data available (2021) outlines the following demographics for the wider Jarrow area. Jarrow has a population of approximately 27,000 residents. The gender split within the population is relatively even, with females making up a slightly higher proportion of residents than males. The ethnicity profile of the area remains predominantly White British, accounting for over 94% of the population, with the remaining percentage made up of Asian, Black, Mixed and other ethnic groups. Compared to the national average, the age profile of Jarrow reflects the wider North East pattern, with a slightly older population overall and an average age of around 42 years. Employment data from the census indicates that occupations within the area are varied, with many residents employed within professional occupations, skilled trades, health and social care, education, retail and manufacturing sectors, alongside administrative, technical and public service roles.	
Street map location of the home	



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1. Safeguarding

Questions	Findings	Strategies to Mitigate the risk
Does the location of the home influence the potential for an already vulnerable child to be a victim of crime, such as being targeted for sexual exploitation;	During a meeting held on the 10/06/2026 with the local neighbourhood force, different locality risks of the home were discussed with Inspector DH and Sgt Mel. It was reflected that the Jarrow and Hebburn areas are densely populated, and that the higher levels of crime typically occur in the more urban residential areas as opposed to the location Beardsley House. In relation to the risk of vulnerable children being likely victims of crime such as sexual exploitation within the area are low. This is further mitigated with the levels of supervision (one to one staffing ratio) that will be implemented as part of the service agreement. Over the last year, there has been 5114 crimes reported in the Jarrow and Hebburn area which covers approximately 8.1 square miles. Of the 5114 offences over the last year, only 7 crimes have taken place within a 0.1 mile radius of Beardsley house which evidences a low risk to vulnerable children. Included within the 5114 crimes committed over the last year, 1944 violent and sexual offences have been reported. Only 4 Violent	- As part of the referral and admission process, an assessment will be completed to determine whether Beardsley House can safely and effectively meet the needs of each child or young person. This assessment will consider the local area, the child's individual needs, vulnerabilities, strengths, and any known risks, using information provided by the placing authority and discussions with the allocated social worker and relevant professionals such as police where required. - Beardsley House operates with a minimum one-to-one staffing ratio, ensuring that children and young people receive high levels of individualised support, supervision, and safeguarding. This staffing model further reduces the low risks associated with the local area, as staff can maintain close oversight of children's whereabouts, activities, and friendships formed, while responding promptly to any emerging concerns. - Through building positive relationships, effective risk management, and consistent supervision, staff support children and young people to access the community safely, develop independence, and increase their knowledge and ability on how to keep themselves safe from harm.

	and sexual offences have occurred within a 0.1-mile radius of the home, with none taking place on the same street itself, showing again that the local neighbourhood has a low level of risk in this area. Current online data suggestions likely risk is low-moderate in most areas. Data also highlights that there is significant 'family population' within the immediate vicinity of Beardsley House which is a well-established residential neighbourhood.	• Staff will be made aware of the potential risks / hot spots within the local area, and we will look to build a strong relationship with the local neighbourhood policing team, by communicating regularly, and sharing relevant information on any potential concerns. Officers will be invited to attend the home regularly, to build positive relationships with the staff team and with our children and remove any stigma / boundaries to engagement for the children. • Young people are given information about the local area and educated on the potential risks within the local area through regular key working sessions. Key workers will communicate regularly with all relevant professionals and carers (including parents of the children) to work together openly to effectively safeguard the child. • Beardsley House will work closely with the local services in the area that can support the children about any potential / developing risk i.e drug and alcohol awareness services. For example, where concerns are raised regarding drug use, referrals will be made with the consent of the child and they will receive extra support around these issues, to increase their knowledge and understanding of the risks of taking drugs. Alongside this, each child will receive targeted key working sessions and interventions to further address concerns and help children understand how to better safeguard themselves.
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		Children will have their own individualised, robust safety plan in which they will be required to follow of as part of the placement agreement. Staff will follow the plan to ensure children are effectively safeguarded, this will include details like the frequency of welfare calls made to a child from the team whilst a child is out in the community having free time, or what time the child is expected to return to the home etc. The safety plan will also include any specific arrangements for family time, agreed by the local authority social worker.
Whether there is a likelihood of children placed in the home becoming drawn into criminal exploitation, or anti-social behaviour in the local area;	In feedback provided by inspector DH there are no significant concerns of the home's location in regard to risk of children being drawn into criminal exploitation, or antisocial behaviour in the local area, however it was discussed that the South shields link / metro line is an area where there are higher reports or antisocial behaviour often involving larger groups of youths. There are no known operational county lines / gangs in the local area and near vicinity of Beardsley House, although inspector DH did confirm that county lines has affected some areas within Jarrow/Hebburn. However it was discussed that the police are aware of the people that have been involved in this and again the risk is considered low to vulnerable	- The Staff team will work closely with the local neighbourhood police team and submit any concerns / intelligence via the online force intelligence process. DH confirmed that when applications for the home have progressed, further collaboration will be undertaken between the local police force and Beardsley house to continue to build positive working relationships that will enable all t effectively safeguard children effectively. - The home will have direct contact with a nominated PCSO who will also be encouraged to attend the home on a regular basis to form positive relationships with the children in our care, which will also be a natural deterrent to any antisocial involvement or criminal exploitation from others. - With a proactive and supportive approach, the highly trained and experienced team will build excellent and trusting relationships with children,

	children who will be cared for within Beardsley House. Within the last year there has only been one incident of ASB occur in the same street as Beardsley House (Durham Grove), however details on this incident could not be shared during the meeting today (10/06/2026).	where they can address any concerns openly and honestly, and apply consequences when required should a child continue to make poor choices. Consequences will always be in line with restorative practice. • Key workers will proactively educate children on how to keep themselves safe, what positive relationships look like, develop their confidence and awareness of danger, whilst promoting positive choices and outcomes. • Individual risk assessments and Behaviour Support Plans for young people will reflect their vulnerability and identify any potential indicators that children are being drawn into antisocial or criminal behaviour. The BSP will outline how staff should respond to prevent any concerning behaviour from taking place, and how to effectively manage children and their safety. • Young people will have structured weekly planners and will be encouraged and promoted to attend full time education and or employment / training. Children will also receive high levels of support from staff (on a one-to-one basis), and will be encouraged to complete and develop lifeskills, such as carrying out the weekly shop, cleaning and maintaining a tidy living space, cooking and completing their own laundry etc. The use of a positive reward system will further promote children's motivation for development and growth whilst residing in the home, so that they are better prepared to move on to independence in the future.
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		• Any concerns raised from a particular young person will be recorded and sent via Force intelligence forms so that better mapping can be done around that young person. Local authority social workers will receive weekly reports on the children and any progress made or any concerns noted. This will allow joint working by professionals to identify concerns quickly and agree on actions to be proactively implemented to prevent any risk from developing in the future. • Regular care team meetings will take place with key stakeholders, where the progress of children and any current concerns will be shared. The home will be transparent in its approach to supporting young people and actively encourages feedback from all involved, to better develop its service and support for children. If any potential concerns escalate and particular risk becomes significant, strategy meetings will be requested with police attendance as part of the expected process to safeguarding children effectively, with identified actions required to support children effectively moving forward. • Young people will have an individualised safety plan, which will state clearly the expectations and placement agreements, this includes how much free time they will have and how often they must communicate with the staff team during welfare checks throughout the day. The staff team will look to plan activities for children following their education, so that they are occupied in meaningful activities and experiences thus preventing them
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		from becoming bored and potentially placing themselves at risk in line with their own vulnerabilities. • Where appropriate, family time will be promoted and supported to help young people maintain important and positive relationships. Children will also be encouraged to take part in activities with friends / local groups so staff can get a better understanding of any potential concerns in their relationships with others and support as required. • Staff will be trained in Safeguarding (including contextual safeguarding), CSE, CCE and drug and alcohol awareness so that they have further knowledge (including previous experience) of any indicators of exploitation / involvement of our young people and are therefore able to proactively support children to help avoid putting themselves at risk.
Suitability of the local neighbourhood as a location to care for children who may have already been victims of abuse and neglect	Inspector DH and Sgt MH did not raise any concerns in regard to the suitability of the neighbourhood for a children's home, taking into consideration the different levels of vulnerability of the children who will reside there, who may have been victims of abuse and neglect historically. AS noted, violence and sexual offences remain the highest reported crime followed by antisocial behaviour, in the Jarrow and Hebburn area. However this risk remains low in the local area where Beardsley house is located as evidenced from online data.	• The home's staffing levels enable close supervision and individualised support for children. Daily planned activities, both within the home and the local community, provide meaningful opportunities for engagement, learning, and social development. This proactive approach helps reduce vulnerability to exploitation, anti-social behaviour, and other contextual safeguarding risks while promoting positive outcomes and community integration. • Any friendships young people develop in the local area will be carefully monitored and assessed by the team. Key workers and the team will work closely with the children to improve their

		knowledge and understanding of what positive relationships look like and consist of, and how to effectively safeguard themselves from others who may pose a risk. • The home will provide ample facilities and equipment to engage children in positive activities, including board games, consoles, and online entertainment. Movie, bingo and pamper nights will be used to encourage young people spending time in the home with staff, alongside themed meal nights so children can try foods from different cultures as learn about different cultures. To the rear of the property is a spacious garden for outdoor activities. This garden is directly linked to a local football field where further activities can be provided. It also offers a safe space where children can play with or spend time with their friends and be monitored with ease, to ensure they are safe. • Experienced and highly skilled staff who are recruited will be trained in safeguarding, child criminal exploitation, county lines, child sexual exploitation and more. Staff recruited, will be knowledgeable and or experienced in managing situations that require effective safeguarding practices, including an awareness of spotting the signs of abuse and neglect and who to report this to. • Communication held within team meetings about any concerns in the local area, all will be shared with all relevant professionals. • In relation to other children's and young adults accommodation services being provided in the
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		local area, and any potential risks posed from these services, the home's manager will acquire all key contacts of those services and communicate regularly regarding any potential concerns that may develop should a child in our home, become acquaintances of another child in their care for example. This will allow our home and other services to effectively manage any issues before they potentially begin. Whilst we do not want children in the home to feel isolated, we want children to engage with others who will impact on their lives positively and have a positive influence over them and their choices. • Staff will have the support of a clinical psychologist who can complete formulation and reflection on young people's trauma, and what best practice looks like in order to support them moving forward. For any safeguarding concerns noted – staff or any external professional can contact Steven Richardson (homes manager) as the DSL for Beardsley House, or Allen Robson (responsible individual) should no contact be made with Steven. Home's Manager – Steven Richardson – Steven@r5care.co.uk – 07722925273 Responsible Individual – Allen Robson – allen@r5care.co.uk - 07742105339
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2. Local Transport

Mode of Transport	Details	Comments
Trains	The nearest Metro and rail link to Beardsley House is Jarrow Metro Station, which is approximately 1 mile from the home. The Tyne and Wear Metro network provides regular services to Newcastle City Centre, Gateshead, South Shields, Sunderland and North Tyneside. Connections from Newcastle Central Station also allow travel to major cities including Durham, York, Edinburgh and London.	- All staff will be aware of the location of Jarrow Metro Station and nearby rail links. - All young people's missing from care plans will be updated accordingly. - Staff will access Metro and train timetables online to identify routes and locations accessible from these stations. - Staff will liaise with Metro staff, station supervisors and British Transport Police where necessary should there be concerns regarding children attempting to abscond from care using public transport services.
Taxi	Below are details of taxi companies operating within the local area: - Dean Taxis – 0191 489 0000 - Blueline Taxis – 0191 262 6666 - South Shields Taxi Line – 0191 454 5454 - Uber & Nearby also operates within the South Tyneside and Newcastle areas through its mobile app-based service.	- Staff will be made aware that taxis are not permitted to transport children independently unless arranged by a staff member or approved professional. - Staff will ensure taxi providers used are appropriately licensed and compliant with safeguarding expectations. - Staff are to record details of any taxis collecting young people from the home and report concerns where appropriate to the local authority or taxi provider. - Staff will support young people in understanding safe use of taxi services and independent travel where appropriate.

Buses / routes	Local bus stops are within short walking distance of the home, with access to services including the 9, 10, 11, 26, 35 and X20 routes. These provide regular travel to neighbouring areas such as Hebburn, South Shields, Gateshead, Sunderland and Newcastle City Centre. This will support young people in accessing education, activities, training opportunities and community facilities independently whilst developing key life skills.	• Staff will be encouraged to familiarise themselves with the local area, including nearby bus stops and transport links. • Staff will maintain good knowledge of local bus routes and timetables. • Bus routes and timetables are accessible online and staff will be encouraged to know where to access this information. • Where appropriate, staff will support children and young people to develop independence and life skills through the safe use of public transport for education, employment, training and leisure activities.
Bridges / High level passes	There are several bridges and elevated crossings within the wider South Tyneside area surrounding Primrose, Jarrow. The nearest significant high-level structure is the A19 overpass and pedestrian crossings located approximately 1.5 miles from the home. In addition, the Tyne Tunnel approach roads and pedestrian bridge access points are located within travelling distance of the property. There are also elevated Metro platforms and pedestrian crossings throughout nearby transport routes in Jarrow and Hebburn.	• Staff to contact emergency services immediately if there are concerns of a young person walking towards a bridge or elevated structure with intent to commit suicide. • Staff to be aware of the locations of local bridges, overpasses and high-level crossings within the surrounding area (highlighted on local risk assessment maps). • If information is received from health professionals, emergency services or partner agencies indicating a young person may be at risk of self-harm or suicide involving a bridge or elevated structure, these locations are to be checked immediately and concerns reported to police if not already done so. • Individual risk assessments and missing from care plans will identify any known risks

		relating to bridges, elevated structures or transport routes.
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3. Local Amenities

Places	What does area offer	Comments
Local parks	Primrose and the surrounding Jarrow area offer a range of accessible green spaces and recreational facilities for children and young people. West Park is located approximately 1 mile from the home and provides open green spaces, walking routes, sports areas and play facilities. Monkton Dene and the nearby Riverside Park areas also offer opportunities for walking, cycling and outdoor activities in natural surroundings. There are several smaller parks and recreational spaces within walking distance of the home, including local play areas and open fields suitable for sports, exercise and social activities. The wider South Tyneside area also provides access to coastal walks, nature trails and outdoor leisure activities, supporting young	There are a number of parks and public open spaces within close proximity to the home, which can provide positive opportunities for recreation, exercise and social development for young people. However, as with any public area, there is the potential for antisocial behaviour or individuals involved in criminal activity to congregate in these locations. The home will maintain regular communication with local police and neighbourhood teams to remain informed of any concerns, trends or patterns of antisocial behaviour within the area. Each child will have an individual behaviour support and risk management plan to ensure vulnerabilities and presenting risks are carefully assessed, with clear strategies in place to safeguard young people and reduce potential risks within the community.

	people to engage in healthy lifestyles and positive community experiences.	
Leisure	The Primrose and wider Jarrow area offers a variety of leisure facilities and activities for children and young people. Jarrow Focus Leisure Centre, located within close travelling distance of the home, provides a gym, swimming facilities, sports halls, fitness classes and community activities. Hebburn Central and Temple Park Leisure Centre in South Shields also offer additional sports, swimming and recreational opportunities. There are a number of local sports clubs, youth groups and community projects within South Tyneside that offer structured activities including football, boxing, martial arts, dance, music and creative sessions for young people. The area also benefits from nearby cinemas, bowling alleys, trampoline parks, libraries, shopping centres and coastal attractions, allowing young people to access a wide range of positive recreational opportunities. Outdoor spaces including parks, beaches and walking routes further support healthy lifestyles and wellbeing.	Leisure facilities and organised activities provide important opportunities for young people to develop social skills, confidence, friendships and healthy routines within the community. As with any public venue, there may occasionally be risks associated with antisocial behaviour, peer influence or vulnerability within community settings. Staff will complete individual risk assessments and ensure activities are appropriately planned and supervised where necessary. The home will work closely with local community groups, activity providers and partner agencies to identify safe and positive opportunities tailored to each young person's interests and needs. Staff will encourage and support children and young people to participate in structured activities that promote education, health, wellbeing, resilience and independence.

	These facilities and activities will support young people in developing confidence, social skills, independence and positive community engagement.	
Supermarkets/ grocery shops	Beardsley House is located within close proximity to a range of supermarkets, local shops and food establishments that can support young people in developing independence and daily living skills. Nearby amenities include: • Morrisons, Jarrow – approximately 1.1 miles from the home • Tesco Superstore, Chichester – approximately 2.8 miles from the home • Asda South Shields – approximately 3.5 miles from the home • Aldi, Hebburn – approximately 2.3 miles from the home • Primrose Local Convenience Stores – within 0.3 miles walking distance • Jarrow Town Centre shopping area – approximately 1 mile from the home • McDonald's, Jarrow – approximately 1.4 miles from the home • KFC, South Shields – approximately 3 miles from the home • Local cafés, takeaways and restaurants located throughout Jarrow and Hebburn within 1–2 miles of the home.	There are local supermarkets and shops within the walking distance. Staff at the home will also have access to the home's car for grocery shopping. Local shops, supermarkets and food outlets provide important opportunities for young people to develop practical life skills, including shopping, budgeting, cooking and safe independent travel within the community. As with any public area, shops and takeaway locations may occasionally attract antisocial behaviour or present opportunities for exploitation and negative peer association. Staff will remain vigilant, complete individual risk assessments and provide appropriate supervision based on each young person's assessed needs and vulnerabilities. The home will encourage young people to access community facilities safely and positively, whilst supporting them to make healthy lifestyle choices and engage appropriately with members of the public and local businesses. Staff will continue to liaise with local agencies and neighbourhood teams where appropriate to remain informed of any community concerns or patterns of antisocial behaviour within the area.

	These local amenities provide opportunities for young people to access food, clothing, toiletries, healthcare products and recreational activities, whilst learning important skills such as budgeting, shopping and safe community engagement.	
Shopping centres	Beardsley House is situated within travelling distance of a number of shopping centres and retail areas across South Tyneside, Newcastle and Sunderland, providing access to a wide range of shops, leisure facilities, restaurants and community resources. Nearby shopping centres and retail areas include: • Viking Centre, Jarrow – approximately 1 mile from the home • The Bridges Shopping Centre, Sunderland – approximately 10 miles from the home • Metrocentre, Gateshead – approximately 11 miles from the home • Eldon Square Shopping Centre, Newcastle – approximately 9 miles from the home • Ocean Road and South Shields Town Centre retail area – approximately 4 miles from the home • Silverlink Retail Park, North Tyneside – approximately 7 miles from the home	Shopping centres and retail areas can provide positive opportunities for young people to socialise, access services and develop independence and life skills within the community. However, busy public areas can also present risks associated with antisocial behaviour, peer influence, exploitation or vulnerability. Staff will ensure individual risk assessments and support plans identify any known risks and appropriate supervision levels required for each young person. Staff will support children and young people to access shopping centres safely and appropriately, promoting positive behaviour, safe travel and healthy decision making. The home will continue to work alongside local agencies and neighbourhood teams to remain aware of any emerging concerns or patterns of antisocial behaviour within local retail areas.

	• Dalton Park Outlet Shopping Centre, Murton – approximately 15 miles from the home. These shopping centres and retail areas provide access to clothing stores, supermarkets, restaurants, cinemas, leisure facilities, banking services and essential amenities. They also provide opportunities for young people to safely access community resources, social activities and develop independence skills including budgeting, travel and decision making.	
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4. Local Schools (Primary, secondary, and Special schools within 1-mile radius)

Name of the school	Description of school	Ofsted Rating	Contact Details
Valley View Primary School	Primary	Outstanding	0191 489 8949
St Matthew's Catholic Primary School, Jarrow	Primary	Good	0191 489 8354
Bede Burn Primary School	Primary	Good	0191 489 7373
Fellgate Primary School	Primary	Good	0191 489 7775
St Bede's Catholic Primary School	Primary	Good	0191 489 8047
Jarrow School	Secondary	Good	0191 428 3200
Springfield School	Secondary / Alternative Provision	Good	0191 483 0354
South Tyneside College	Further Education 16–18	Good	0191 427 3500
The Link School	Alternative Education Provision	Good	0191 424 6950

5. Health Services

Name of the service	Distance	Type of service	Contact
Primrose Medical Group	0.5 mile	Doctors	0191 489 7370
Well Pharmacy – Jarrow	0.6 mile	Pharmacy	0191 489 2051
Boots Pharmacy – Jarrow Viking Centre	1 mile	Pharmacy	0191 489 1031
Riverdale Dental Practice, Jarrow	1 mile	Dentist	0191 489 2926
Stanley Street Dental Practice	1.2 miles	Dentist	0191 489 2607
Healthwatch South Tyneside	2.5 miles	Advocacy / Support	0191 489 7824
Specsavers Opticians and Audiologists – Jarrow	1.5 miles	Opticians	0191 406 5565
Boots Opticians – South Shields	3 miles	Opticians	0191 454 1147
South Tyneside District Hospital	2.8 miles	Hospital	0191 404 1000
Palmer Community Hospital	1.7 miles	Community Hospital / Health Services	0191 283 2500

This document will be reviewed following:

- A new admission to the home
- Significant information received by partner agencies (Police, safeguarding board etc, quarterly crime stats)
- Incidents involving young people in the local area

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