
Re: 25/00012/FP 25 Milestone Road

Selection Process and Noise Management Policy

The selection criteria for children placed at the home will be carefully managed to ensure suitability for the setting and the surrounding community.

1. Selection Criteria:

- The home will accommodate children with mild physical disabilities and low to moderate mental health needs, such as ADHD or anxiety.
- It will not cater to children requiring forensic or intensive care, those with severe behavioural challenges, or those with a history of high-risk behaviours that could lead to excessive noise or disturbance.
- Each child's placement will be subject to a thorough assessment process, ensuring that their needs align with the home's capacity to provide a stable and supportive environment.
- Children with **extreme behavioural difficulties**, persistent aggression, or complex mental health conditions requiring intensive therapy or secure accommodation will **not** be placed.
- Priority will be given to children who are ready for a stable home setting and who can thrive in a community-based care environment.
- Each child will undergo a thorough pre-placement assessment to determine their suitability for the home.
- Professionals (e.g., social workers, psychologists, and care managers) will assess behavioural history, emotional needs, and compatibility with other residents.
- Children who require high levels of crisis intervention, intensive supervision, or specialist forensic care will **not** be considered.

2. Noise Management Measures:

- A structured daily routine will be in place to promote stability and reduce instances of distress or disruption.
- Trained staff will be on-site 24/7 to provide appropriate care, de-escalation techniques, and behaviour management strategies to maintain a calm and controlled environment.
- Outdoor activities and recreational time will be supervised and scheduled to ensure minimal noise impact, particularly during early mornings and late evenings.
- Any concerns from neighbours will be addressed promptly through an open communication channel with management.
- A **quiet space** is available where children can self-regulate in a calming environment instead of engaging in loud or disruptive behaviour.
- Staff will be trained in **de-escalation techniques** to manage emotional outbursts calmly and effectively.
- A **positive behaviour support plan** will be in place, rewarding calm and cooperative behaviour.