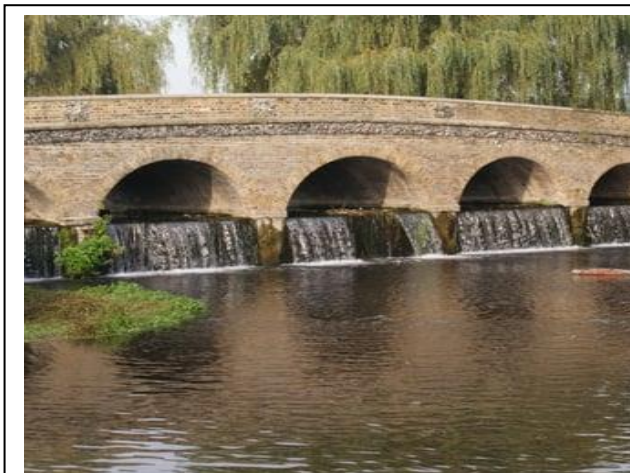


LOCATION RISK ASSESSMENT FOR Children's Home

Address	4 St George's Crescent, Gravesend, DA12 4AR	Date of Assessment:	01/08/2023
People Involved	Anderson Okporho	Date of Review:	01/08/2025

1. Picture of the Immediate Locality:



2. Pen Picture of the Premises



3. Relationships with the Local Community

PCS Services is a resource in the neighbourhood, and we continue to develop networks locally with the Safer Neighbourhood team, educational facilities and other resources to share information regarding our business activities including our aims and objectives to provide this service in the locality, to access support for our recruitment drive and provide advocacy support to our residents who will need to access services i.e., doctors, dentist, optician etc.

The aim is to have accessible resources for children and young people immediately on moving into the community and ensure that we operate an open door policy where any issues or concerns can be dealt with immediately.

4. Positive factors of location

St. Georges Crescent in Gravesend is in the Southeast region of England. The postcode is within the Riverview Park ward/electoral division, which is in the constituency of Gravesham **Housing Types and Tenure** – The area containing St. Georges Crescent, Gravesend consists predominantly of semi-detached housing, which can be an indicator of an affluent neighbourhood . The area contains Detached – 0, Semi-Detached - 100, Terraced – 19, Flat (Purpose-Built) – 1, Flat (Converted) – 3; Total -123 . The area containing St. Georges Crescent, Gravesend contains a higher-than-average level of social housing - 30% of household spaces. This contrasts with the national average of just over 17%.

Housing Tenure: Owned Outright – 33, Owned with Mortgage – 43, Shared Ownership – 0, Rented: From Council – 34, Rented: Other Social – 2, Rented: Private Landlord inc. letting agents – 8, Rent Free – 0; Total - 120

Household Deprivation - Household deprivation was measured against four dimensions for the 2021 census - employment, education, health/disability, and overcrowding. Not Deprived – 52, Deprived In One Dimension – 39, Deprived In Two Dimensions – 26, Deprived In Three Dimensions – 6, Deprived In Four Dimensions – 0; Total - 123

Age range - Across the UK as a whole, the median age is 40. In general, inner-city areas show high concentrations of people aged 18-30, suburbs show larger numbers of small children and adults aged 30-50, and rural and small towns are more popular with older workers and retirees. Many poorer areas lack a majority age group, which is due in part to the people in that area being constrained by circumstance rather than being able to choose where to retire, raise a family or grow up. . Of the 370 residents – Age Groups: 0-4:23, 5-9 :26, 10-14:30, 15-19:24, 20-24:20, 25-29:22, 30-34:27, 35-39:26, 40-44:30, 45-49:14, 50-54:28, 55-59:23, 60-64:21, 65-69:18, 70-74:15, 75-79:10, 80-84:3, 85+:10

Education & Qualifications – Within the postcode of DA12 4AR

Degree or Similar e.g. professional qualification (accountancy etc.) (52); Apprenticeship (14); HNC, HND or 2+ A Levels (48); 5+ GCSEs, an A-Level or 1-2 AS Levels (47); 1-4 GCSEs or Equivalent (32); No GCSEs or Equivalent (77); Other (14); **Total (284)**

The qualification levels are based on current qualification names. The former Ordinary Levels (O-Levels) and CSEs will be included in the GCSE figures. Former Higher School Certificates (HSCs) will be counted as A Levels.

Ethnic Group – As whole, the UK population claims itself as approximately 82.2% white, with this area being 83% white. As a country with a diverse population, the UK is home to other sizable ethnic groups, with mixed ethnicity (2.8%), Indian (3.1%) and Pakistani (2.7%) being the largest groups reported.

White (309); Mixed Ethnicity (7); Indian (13); Other Asian (24); Black African (17); Black Caribbean (5); Arab (1); Other (3) **Total (373)**

Religion – The largest religious group in England and Wales are Christians - 46.2% of residents. Within the DA12 4AR area, of the 371 residents – Christian (166), No Religion (147), Buddhist (4), Hindu (5), Jewish (0), Muslim (11), Sikh (6), Other Religion (4), Not Stated (28)

Economic Activity – Figures does not include those aged under 16, or those members aged 16-18 who are in full-time education. Full-Time Employee (91); Part-Time Employee -(defined as 30 hours or less per week) (41); Self Employed- (5); Unemployed- (8); Full-Time Student (with or without job) – (11); Retired- (53); Looking After Home or Family – (22); Long-Term Sick or Disabled – (17); Other- (11); **Total 285**

5. Potential Risks in this Locality to Young People living in the Accommodation

Outcome Requirement	Protective Factors	Risk High	Risk Med	Risk Low	Risk reduction measures/outcomes/action	By Whom & Review Date
Does the location of the accommodation influence the potential for an already vulnerable young person to be a victim of crime, such as being targeted for sexual exploitation?	This mixed neighbourhood has accessible parking. There are direct bus and train routes all within a short distance of the home. The local GP, hospital and other resources are within 1.5 miles. The accommodation has resources for socialising in-house. The home is close to numerous educational facilities, all offering a wide range of education and courses. The home is close to shops, supermarkets and shopping centres, so the child can develop and become more independent in that they can go shopping and purchase the things they need with staff support and sometimes alone, depending on their level of independence and with risk management protocols in place.			X	The home has 2 entry/access points with the front of the house leading to the street and the back to the garden. All doors/access points are located on the ground floor and are locked every night for safety and security reasons apart from the emergency exit at the front door. The front and back doors are monitored by CCTV cameras which give direct feed to staff monitoring thus being able to see both front, and back of the accommodation, so it is visible to see who is within the boundaries of the accommodation. All windows in the home from the ground floor up have safety devices which will only allow the windows to open a few inches in order to stop people being able to climb in or out of them.	September 2024 By Registered Manager
Is there a likelihood of children placed in the home becoming drawn into gang crime, anti-social behaviour, or sexual exploitation in the local area?	There is no noticeable gang culture in this locality. The level of crime for violence and sexual offending, public order and anti-social behaviour creates some cause for concern and will be supported by our protocols to mitigate risk to children in our care. Sexual crimes is listed amongst the list of crimes prevalent or identified in this neighbourhood. We therefore have a duty of		X		The proportionate of crimes committed does create concern for children being at risk of involvement in anti-social behaviour. Overall, the young people in the home will be supported to identify danger and react accordingly to keep themselves safe if out in the local community. If it is felt that the young person was not able to	September 2024 By Registered Manager

	care to continue to monitor reported crime in the area and liaise with the Safer neighbourhood team to support the safety of the children in our care.				do so, appropriate risk assessments will be put into place and the home will continue to educate and support the young person in question to be able to be safe when out of the home. Staff will also liaise and develop a relationship with the Safer Neighbourhood Team, which is comprised of Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) who are dedicated to making the neighbourhood a safer place to live in, work in and visit. They are willing to work with us, as an agency providing services to young people, alongside other agencies to find a lasting solution to any problem that may arise. We will communicate with and attend ward panels when feasible to address local community issues and obtain response for minor incidents without the need for long-term activity or requiring little if any partnership working. Examples include: dealing with minor disorder caused by youths congregating	
Are there any environmental factors	The accommodation is easily accessible to the Town Centre and green areas of Kent which is a			X	The home is located in a lovely residential area within walking	September 2024

that would represent a hazard to children, such as locations near level crossings or busy roads?	busy area and could cause congregating concerns, alongside using the roads wisely.				distance to a shopping area and park area. We will investigate local environmental groups and encourage our young resident to volunteer and develop further skills while developing skills to manage their surroundings. We will provide training materials for children in our care to support managing their environment and devise behaviour management and activities risk assessments where necessary to support positive behaviours during activities .	By Operations Manager
Please provide details of current risk management strategies	Children and young people's risk-taking behaviour, such as going missing or using aggressive and threatening behaviour has policies and procedures to deal with identified issues; Young people's challenging and violent behaviour will be risk assessed and managed from the outset. Our balance of male and female staff who understand boundaries and are firm when implementing the rules and clear about what is acceptable behaviour, will support our risk management strategy. The staff have training in restraints, managing challenging behaviour, and de-escalation. Behaviour management is consistent and in line with the behaviour management policy, which is to deescalate and contain situations.		X		Participating in multi-agency risk management meetings when required, involving local services, placing authorities and individual children to develop strategies for managing and minimising the risks faced by the young people; Educating children and young people in the home about risks, and supporting them in developing skills and strategies for managing those risks; Providing children and young people with access to relevant support services to make them more aware of risks and to build their resilience; Ensuring that young people have access to sources of confidential advice and advocacy so that they feel safe to disclose any risks they face;	September 2024 By Registered Manager

					Recording evidence of young people's vulnerability to sexual exploitation that could be used by the police as the basis for taking enforcement action against predatory adults or by probation service providers in connection with the management of offenders. Referral to external agencies to support as directed by the referring agencies	
Risks Identified by Service manager	E-safety is a concern for management. Most of our young people have intelligent mobile phones, therefore, access to adult sites is out of management's control.		X		The home overseas the usage of the computer internet/Wi-Fi access and monitors via parental settings which limits access to internet sites on PCS internet. All young people in the home will have comprehensive and up to date care plans which identify and explain their care and health needs as well as how best to support the individual YP. All staff in the home must have a vast knowledge of all the young people and have positive relationships, this allows the young people to be able to talk openly with the staff team and share things that are on their minds or any worries/anxieties they have.	September 2024 By Registered Manager, Engagement & Support Team

Risks Identified by Police	Singlewell policing neighbourhood, under the Kent Police force area		X		Police Officers and Community Support Officers (PCSOs) are dedicated to making the neighbourhood a safer place to live in, work in and visit. They listen and talk to the community and find out what affects resident's daily life and feelings of security. Their priorities are then set by the local community, and they work with residents and other agencies to find a lasting solution. They can be contacted via online, email or phone. As part of the Policing strategy. PCS Staff are encouraged to develop a relationship and communicate positively with the SNT	September 2024 By Registered Manager and Operation's Director
Views of Children & Young People	Young people will enjoy positive relationships with the staff team. They will form at least one close mentoring relationship and have trust in the whole staff team. They will feel settled in a relatively short time and have attributed this to how the staff treat them. Young people will say they feel safe and are not bullied but know they can talk to a member of staff if they felt they were being bullied. Safer recruitment processes are evident in staff files to ensure staff are thoroughly checked before they start work in the home.	X			The manager and staff anticipate risk well and there are robust risk assessments and plans, which will be reviewed and updated in a timely way after particular incidents. The manager and staff will identify risks well and notify the local authority and, where appropriate the police, for example, when a young person is missing. Young people are offered a debrief by the staff and when relevant the police. The staff understand the difference between young people being missing or absent without authorisation and respond appropriately. Records of absence and missing records are kept and clearly differentiated. Young	September 2024 By Registered Manager

	Young people will say that they feel welcome; and like a member of a family				people will be offered an independent return interview as per statutory guidance and regulations.	
Can all Young People safely access education and activities within the locality	We envision having a group of children and Young people who will need support to access educational resources. Staff will make assessment based on resident's pathway plan, EHCP and education goals to direct them to relevant services locally, inclusive of in-house schooling		X		One to one support offered to each young person to support the access to and continuity in education and positive activities.	September 2024 By All staff
Are children and young people able to access local secondary health services.	These services are accessed through local GP surgery in the area. The local NHS trust providing secondary health services Our Young people being NHS patients, they are entitled to the following: • To be registered with a GP • To have a clear explanation of any treatment proposed to them. • To be supported by the staff team. • Respect for religious and cultural beliefs. • Courtesy from the staff. • To be seen within 30 minutes of appointment.		X		BECOME 0800 023 2033 www.becomecharity.org.uk Brook Young People's Information Service: www.brook.org.uk The Care Leavers Association: 0161 236 5665 www.careleavers.com ChildLine: 0800 1111 www.childline.org.uk The Child Law Advice Service Forced Marriages 020 7008 0151 www.fco.gov.uk Muslim Youth Helpline: 0808 808 2008 (Area served London)	September 2024 By Keyworker

	• If for any reason they cannot be seen within this time, an explanation will be provided. • Doctors available to see them in the morning and evening with an appointment. • To expect their medication to be reviewed regularly if they are receiving repeat prescriptions. They may be asked to see the doctor for a review health checks on registering with the practice. keep updated 24 hours a day on • To be referred to a consultant when your GP thinks it is necessary and to be referred for a second opinion if both YP and the GP agree that this is desirable. • To have access to their medical records written after 1/11/91 and to know that those working in the NHS will, by law, keep their contents confidential. • To be given detailed information on local health services including maximum waiting times where available. • To have information given to the care team or relatives about the progress of their treatment, with their consent.				www.myh.org.uk National Youth Advocacy Service: 0808 808 1001 help@nyas.net www.nyas.net NCS YES www.ncsyas.co.uk Runaway Helpline: 116 000 Email - 116000@runawayhelpline.org.uk www.runawayhelpline.org.uk Samaritans: Helpline: 116 123 Email jo@samaritans.org www.samaritans.org 24hr service offering emotional support. The Mix 0808 808 4994 www.themix.org.uk . www.themix.org.uk/get-support/speak-to-our-team/crisis-messenger If you're in crisis and need to talk, text THEMIX to 85258 Coram Voice: 0808 800 5792 www.coramvoice.org.uk Young Epilepsy 01342 831342 https://www.youngpilepsy.org.uk/ The Channel https://thechannel.org.uk/	
6. Current local information from Public Protection.						
Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)						

Dartford Borough Council first made the order for the PSPO in 2017 to address the anti-social behaviour caused by certain use of motor vehicles, unsocial drinking and other forms of anti-social behaviour which negatively impacts upon individuals and businesses in Town Ward. This order ended in 2019.

In March 2020 The Council sought the public's views on renewing the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in Town Ward. A positive response was received and the Council has now had the order renewed. This renewal of the PSPO lasts for another three years.

Failure to comply with a PSPO enables authorised enforcement officers to issue fixed penalty notices of up to £100 or the person could find themselves prosecuted. A breach is a criminal offence and there is a maximum penalty of a £1,000.

Town Centre PSPO

Map of PSPO Area

This PSPO will seek to control the following forms of anti-social behaviour:

Intoxicating Substances

Use of vehicles

Alcohol

Other Forms of anti-social behaviour

At all times, persons will not in the Restricted Area (please see map above):

litter;

urinate or defecate (unless in a toilet facility);

swear, shout, or act in a threatening manner;

act in a manner that is causing or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress

2) Nuisance Vehicle PSPO 2022

In March 2022 The Council sought the public's views on implementing this PSPO across the entire Borough to help tackle persistent anti-social behaviour caused by certain use of motor vehicles, which negatively impacts upon individuals and businesses. A positive response was received and in May 2022 the Council approved the Order.

Nuisance Vehicles PSPO 2022 Order

Map of Nuisance Vehicles PSPO Area

This PSPO will seek to control the anti-social use of motor vehicles, some of these behaviours include, but not limited to:

Speeding, Driving in convoy, Racing, Performing stunts, Sounding horns (as to cause public nuisance), Revving engines, Wheel spins, Playing music (as to cause public nuisance), Creating significant public nuisance, Engaging in any other activity that a reasonable person would consider to be “car cruising”.

7. Current local stats on offending, accidents, significant issues (to include Safeguard Offending.

St. Georges Crescent, Gravesend, DA12 4AR is within the Singlewell policing neighbourhood, under the Kent Police force area. For non-urgent queries, contact 101.

There are 130 crimes in July 2023. These include: Anti-social behaviour (33); Burglary (2); Criminal damage and arson (19); Drugs (2); Other theft (6); Public order (5); Robbery (1); Shoplifting (1); Vehicle crime (6); Violence and sexual offences (52); Other crime (3)

8. Current local information on Health and Safety including specific Local Health Concerns (include Community Police; Community Safety)

Health in the UK is strongly tied to age as you would expect, but the affluence of a neighbourhood also has strong influence, with deprived areas often showing poorer standards of health. Overall, the UK considers itself to be healthy - 82% of residents rated their health as Very Good or Good. The full breakdown is as follows for the United Kingdom: 48.4% Very Good, 33.5% Good, 12.8% Fair, 4.1% Bad and 1.2% Very Bad.

In this area the breakdown is Very Good (158); Good (127); Fair (62); Bad (19); Very Bad (5); Total - 371

Emergencies and urgent incidents - In an emergency or at the time an incident is taking place you should always report anti-social behaviour to the police by calling 999. Anti-social behaviour is a serious problem that can cause much distress and nuisance. The local authority which is Dartford works with partners, such as the Kent Police and Metropolitan Police, to deal with the minority of residents who behave anti-socially.

Non-urgent incidents

If it's an incident that has already happened and doesn't need an immediate response, call the national Police non-emergency number, 101.

You can report non-urgent incidents to the Anti-Social Behaviour Team

If it's an ongoing situation, keep a record of the events in a diary noting the dates, times, what you see or hear and how the behaviour affects you.

You can also report anti-social behaviour by contacting your local police Safer Neighbourhoods Team

9. Local Schools, Health Centres or accessibility to local services

Hospitals

1. Gravesham Community Hospital 1.8 miles
2. Fawkham Manor Hospital 5.4 miles
3. Darent Valley Hospital 5.5 miles
4. Stone House Hospital 6.2 miles

Optician

1. Specsavers Opticians and Audiologists - Gravesend 1.7 miles
2. Medical Eye Centre 1.7 miles
3. Boots-Gravesend - Kempthorne St 1.8 miles
4. Asda Opticians (Gravesend) 2 miles

Dentist

1. Valley Drive Dental Practice 230 yards
2. Gravesend Dental Surgery 750 yards
3. Quigley Dental Practice - Northfleet 1.5 miles
4. Gravesend Dental Clinic 1.5 miles
5. Mr A A Tikare 1.5 miles

GP

1. Riverview Park Surgery half a mile
2. Lamorna Surgery 0.5 miles
3. Old Road West Surgery - Mackenzie Way (Branch Surgery) 0.6 miles
4. Dr Moran S G & Partners 0.6 miles
5. Oakfield Health Centre, Practice 2 0.6 miles
6. Rochester Road Surgery 1.1 miles

Pharmacy

1. Lloyds Pharmacy Ltd , 10 The Alma Riverview Park, Gravesend, DA12 4NG
2. Bains Pharmacy, 2 Livingstone Rd, Gravesend, DA12 5DZ
3. The Lion Pharmacy, 202 Rochester Rd, Gravesend, DA12 4TY

Sexual Health Clinic

1. GU Clinic, Preston Hall, Royal British Legion Village, Aylesford, ME20 7NJ

Primary School

1. Riverview Junior School 470 yards
2. Riverview Infant School 530 yards
3. King's Farm Primary School 690 yards
4. Tymberwood Academy 730 yards

5. Singlewell Primary School 0.6 miles
6. Whitehill Primary School 0.6 miles

Secondary School

1. Thamesview School 0.6 miles
2. St John's Catholic Comprehensive 1 mile
3. Gravesend Grammar School 1.2 miles
4. Mayfield Grammar School, Gravesend 1.6 miles
5. Northfleet Technology College 2 miles

Nearest Railway Stations

Listed here are the closest railway stations to DA12 4AR. The nearest railway station is Gravesend Station.

1. Gravesend 1.7 miles
2. Sole Street 2.6 miles
3. Meopham 2.6 miles
4. Northfleet 3.1 miles
5. Ebbsfleet International 3.1 miles
6. Tilbury Town 3.2 miles

Sports Facility

1. Old Gravesendians Rugby Club, Fleetway Sports Ground, Bronte View, Gravesend, DA12 1PXMay place Sports Field, Dartford, DA1 4RB
2. The Royals Youth Centre, Viking Way, Rainham, RM13 9YG

Plan reviewed annually or earlier if there is a change to risks.