



# CONNECTIONS 2 INDEPENDENCE

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### Connections 2 Independence – Location Risk Assessment

23 Hartington Road, Gloucester, GL1 5TJ	Date of Assessment:	August 2023
	Date of Planned Review:	August 2024
People Involved:	Keaton Pearce Damien Harrison	

#### 1. Pen Picture of the Immediate Location:

- Hartington House is in a built-up residential area in the Linden region of Gloucester.
- Hartington House has a bus stop near which runs every 10 minutes into Gloucester City Centre.
- Hartington House is a close to all local amenities including, shops, post office, GP surgery and chemist.
- Hartington House is a short walk to Gloucester City Centre, Gloucester Quays and Gloucester Park.

#### 2. Pen Picture of the Premises:

Hartington House is a four-bedroom house with a kitchen, one bathrooms, lounge and rear garden. There is a ring doorbell on the front door which is monitored by staff to ensure young people's safety. The windows are all double glazed with window locks, the front door and individual room doors can only be accessed with a key. All internal doors meet fire regulations and are fitted with door closures. Hartington House has smoke alarms in all rooms within the premises which are all electrically linked.

#### 3. Relationships With The Local Community:

The dedicated PCSO for the area is Chloe- Rae Williams, Chloe has been working for the Constabulary for 5 years. The first 4 years were spent working in Custody Suites as a Detention Officer across the county before moving into Compass House when they opened in 2015. Chloe started her role as a PCSO in the summer of 2017 where she worked at Barton Street police station.

Connections 2 Independence designated Safeguarding Lead is signed up to alerts with the local PSCO's and is notified of any concerns in the area.

Connections 2 Independence has good relationships with the neighbours, they all have our office and duty phone numbers to enable them to contact if they have any concerns with disturbance and to share their feedback on the young people.

#### 4. Positive Factors Of Location:

Hartington House is located in an area that is close to a lot of facilities such as bus stops, supermarkets, GP Surgery and post office.

Robinswood Hill is a short walk from the property which young people are encouraged to actively walk up to promote their healthy lifestyle. Staff will attend with young people to show them how to get there and different routes to the top. This also gives young people an opportunity to build their relationships with their house mates and staff who work for Connections 2 Independence.

There is easy access to local schools and training providers which are walking distance away. As well as community projects such as the friendship café and the Cavern. Young People are allowed to attend these provisions as it is a safe place to meet and access help around health, benefits, immigration, education, careers and training. These groups are inclusive which bring together individuals from all backgrounds.

#### 5. Potential Risks in This Location to Young People Living at Hartington House (Include checks and information from Planning Services/Community Police)

**There is no known potential risk in Gloucester.** However, each Young Person has their own personalised Risk Assessment, this is so we have an idea surround their risks. For Example: If a Young Person gravitates towards a certain area or is known to drink alcohol. Then these risks are managed based on this. We have a list of where individuals may gravitate towards including, Low Level Intelligence of Local Drug Suppliers which is included on the Individual's Risk Assessment.



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<b>6. Current local information from Public Protection</b>
<p>A Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) restrict certain behaviours in Gloucester which can ban people from behaving in a certain way.</p> <p>Breaching a PSP in Gloucester can result in a £80 fine.</p>
<b>7. Current local stats on offending, accidents, significant issues (To include safeguarding) Offending:</b>
<p><b>Current local stars on offending in the Linden area are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🚶 Miscellaneous violence (A broad category of violent offences including neglect, conspiring to cause harm and dangerous driving) – 11</li> <li>🚶 Assault without injury (The use of violence against a person without causing injury) = 12</li> <li>🚶 Violence (Sexual offences and assault causing injury) = 14 Car Drivers</li> </ul> <p><b>Casualties in urban Gloucester area are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🚶 Car Passengers = 51</li> <li>🚶 Motorcycle = 62</li> <li>🚶 Other = 14</li> <li>🚶 Pedal Cycle = 81</li> <li>🚶 Pedestrians = 84</li> </ul>
<b>8. Current local information on Health and Safety including specific Local Health Concerns (Include Community Police' Community Safety)</b>
<p><b>Stronger Safer Gloucester Partnerships:</b></p> <p>The Stronger Safer Gloucester Partnership (SSGP) is the strategic group bringing agencies together to work in partnership on the wider wellbeing, health and community safety agenda in the City of Gloucester.</p> <p>Gloucester City has a history of strong and successful partnership working to drive forward positive changes in our communities and address issues affecting our residents. THE SSGP builds on this, bringing together the people who have the ability, resources and commitment to make things happen.</p> <p><b>The Structure of Health in Gloucester:</b></p> <p>With Gloucestershire being a two-tier authority the responsibility for public health sits with the County Council, under the Director of Public Health. Planning is delivered at the District Level, therefore forming and maintaining a good working relationship between Public Health and Planning team is considered an essential component of delivering meaningful change.</p>
<b>9. Any issues with Local Schools Health Centres or Accessibility to Local Services</b>
<p>There are no issues with access to local schools or health centres.</p> <p>There are two secondary schools and two grammar schools within walking distances of Hartington House.</p> <p>Gloucester Health Access Centre is also in walking distance as well as training providers and other local services.</p>
<b>10. Contingency Planning</b>
<p>We have alternative accommodation that is available should there be an emergency, or the property is deemed as unsafe. This ensures that a move for a young person that may not be their own fault is a smooth transition and they are still supported in the same way. For an extreme situation that our emergency accommodation is unable then we have built connections with local B&amp;B Owners, Air B&amp;B Hosts and Hotels in the area, which then helps us should we be in a position of where we require emergency safe places to stay.</p>



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Risk No.	Hazard	Person(s) Exposed to Hazard	Risk Identified	Risk Rating	Control Measures in Place	Risk Rating
1.	<b>Property</b>	Staff, Visitors, Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trespassing</li> <li>Break Ins</li> <li>Threats from others</li> <li>Response to Dangers (Fire, Flood, Gas or Electrical Fault)</li> </ul>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure Ring Doorbells are always online and charged</li> <li>Ensure all windows and doors are locked when leaving the property</li> <li>Lock Front Door at all times even whilst in the property</li> <li>Ensure all Visitors sign in.</li> <li>Property Risk Assessments</li> <li>Health &amp; Safety Checks</li> <li>Vacant Properties</li> <li>Links with Local Air BnB's and Hotels.</li> </ul>	Medium
2.	<b>Parks / Open Spaces</b>	Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Missing</li> <li>Meeting Others</li> <li>Gang Affiliation</li> <li>Knife Crime</li> </ul>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual Risk Assessment</li> <li>Knife Crime Awareness</li> <li>Adhering to curfews</li> </ul>	Medium
3.	<b>Train Station</b>	Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Missing</li> <li>County Lines</li> </ul>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inform British Transport Police immediately</li> <li>Report Missing episodes to EDT and Gloucestershire Police</li> <li>Report any new or suspicious activity</li> <li>Individual Risk Assessment</li> </ul>	Medium
4.	<b>Pubs &amp; Clubs</b>	Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drinking Alcohol</li> <li>Meeting Older People</li> <li>CSE</li> </ul>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Liaise with Social Workers</li> <li>Individual Risk Assessment</li> </ul>	Medium
5.	<b>Main Roads</b>	Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self-Harm</li> </ul>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual Risk Assessment</li> </ul>	Medium
6.	<b>Docks</b>	Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self-Harm</li> <li>Drowning</li> </ul>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual Risk Assessment</li> <li>Keep in regular contact</li> <li>Ensure mobiles are fully charged</li> </ul>	Medium
7.	<b>Substance Misuse</b>	Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Self Awareness</li> </ul>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual Risk Assessment</li> </ul>	Medium



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dealing Drugs</li> <li>CSE</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Young people's descriptions, moods and risks are updated regularly</li> <li>Awareness of young peoples, social group and peers.</li> </ul>	
8.	<b>Criminal Activity</b>	Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dealing Drugs</li> <li>Theft</li> <li>Knife Crime</li> </ul>	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual Risk Assessment</li> <li>Key Sessions to be completed</li> <li>Awareness</li> </ul>	Medium

Connections 2 Independence will annually review this document. Amendments could be made earlier if things are to change to the current risks.