



LOCATION ASSESSMENT

BREAKAWAY, 3 PRIORS CLOSE, ST LAURENCE WAY, SLOUGH. SL1 2BQ

SLOUGH – THE TOWN

Slough is a very diverse, multi-cultural town which had a high street and two covered shopping precincts; Queensmere and The Observatory. There are many food stores selling produce from around the world to enable multi-cultural community to eat foods from their homeland. Slough is just off Junction 6 of the M4 Motorway and Reading is only around 23 miles west on the M4 and is famous as one of the UK's top ten retail destinations. Central London is about the same distance in the opposite direction. Windsor is only a few miles away with its many tourist attractions, Windsor Castle and the soldiers, River Thames and Eton College amongst them. There are good rail links as well with Reading and London Paddington being 20 and 15 minutes on the Great Western Line. Crossrail is in the process of being constructed which will run fast rail links between Reading and Essex. Slough used to have many employment opportunities predominantly in manual and semi-skilled work. This has now shifted in recent decades to high tech service and distribution sectors – O2 Telefonica, Ferrari Maserati and Blackberry which contribute to providing Slough with a solid economic base. There are various events that take place yearly which include the bonfire and fireworks spectacular, annual canal festival, the Mela, Night of the Festivals, and continental markets in the town centre.

	BENEFITS	DISADVANTAGES	CONCLUSION
ACCESSIBILITY OF LOCAL SERVICES	Walking distance to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks/open spaces • The high street – very multicultural • Restaurants • Soft play • Cinema • Ice Skating arena • Leisure centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incidents with members of the public due needs of our children – retaliation from others • Melt downs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children are staffed on a 1:1 basis at a minimum. • All children have individual risk assessments and there is also always an outing risk assessment completed prior to an activity



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Places of worship • Walk-in medical centre • CAMHS <p>Within a short driving distance;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools • Colleges • Community nurses • Hospital with A&E dept. • Numerous GP surgeries and dental surgeries • Mainline Railway Station • Bus Station • Black Park – Forrest, lake, large grass areas, picnic areas, café, play park • Langley Park – large open spaces, gardens, lake, café, picnic areas, mansion house • Jump In- Trampoline • Special Needs Farm • Odd’s Farm • Urban Farm • Heathrow Airport • Windsor Castle • Legoland • Thorpe Park 	<p>possibly frightening/alarming for other children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Busy high street – child becoming ‘lost’ • Leisure centre not having adequate changing facilities for some of our children • Busy places of interest – child becoming ‘lost’ • child having too queue and not understanding why, not coping with the length of time – ‘negative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our children access local services during their stays at Breakaway, shops, leisure facility etc, and staff have always been understanding of the children’s needs. • There has not been any negative behaviour from members of the public towards the children • Parents/carers are responsible for taking their child to GP, dentist, hospital appointments/to see specialists, opticians etc. However, in an emergency situation Breakaway do take children to the walk-in centre, A&E, call NHS Direct for advice, contact child’s own GP for clarification of medication instructions etc. Staffs do attend meetings involving CAMHS if requested to be parents/ appropriate adult/carers, to offer support.
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	Slough Children First/ Education provides:	behaviours'	
SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Workers allocated to out children • OT service • Autism service • LADO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small, busy car park. Cars being driven too fast/carelessly • Large buses/minibuses obscuring the view of traffic • Fairly busy road adjacent to the complex and on route to the high street and local facilities • Emergency evacuation of the building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff to drive carefully and cautiously • Trades people are mainly long standing so are fully aware of our children needs so drive accordingly • Children are always accompanied by staff at least on a 1:1 basis • In case of an emergency evacuation, we have a Business Continuity Procedure in place, which would be followed by staff – should it be due to a fire, every child has his/ her own PEEP



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff have been trained on Safeguarding and this is updated within timescales • Staff attend to personal care needs of the children accessing the service • Good multi-agency working 		
<p>Missing from Care</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCTV covering car park and outside of buildings • Breakaway grounds are full fenced to a height of 6ft, with access from back garden via gate with keypad • Access from one garden to the other via locked gates only unlocked by staff • Children always accompanied by staff when going out of the grounds of Breakaway • Once inside the building the doors can only be opened via a key which is kept in the main office, in a key cabinet. Children do not routinely go in this office other than for medication • Bedroom doors are alarmed at night so alert the night staff when a door is opened • Address of Breakaway only given out on a need to know basis • No anti-social behaviour/gangs in close vicinity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCTV breaks down 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular maintenance of CCTV at 4 Prior's Close • 1:1 staffing levels ensure as far as possible children do not abscond from care • Doors to the outside of Breakaway are locked and only opened by staff via a key kept in a key cabinet in the main office or in the event of fire – children do not access the office without a staff member



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No drug misuse by any of our children No drug misuse known in immediate vicinity 		
Child Sexual Exploitation/FGM/Trafficking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training always put in place by SCST Slough LSCB have a 'Strategy to Tackle Child Exploitation' documents – lots of examples, what we are doing as Slough Children First, national information etc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children only accessing Breakaway as per package of care More young children from 0 – 9 living in Slough than the national average 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff received regular Safeguarding training and updates either during team meetings at Breakaway, team days with speakers e.g. LADO, Heads of Service Any new training always highlighted to whole staff team via Training Dept., as Slough Children First E-learning modules available for staff to refresh themselves if they feel they need to Staff have had training in FGM and Child Sexual Exploitation Staff attend to personal care needs of CYPs so high probability would notice anything suspect Good rapport with parents/carers, other professionals
Level of crime in the local area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management receive emails alerting them to anything that had occurred locally from Thames Valley Police news Jane Hendy, WPC 294, Tel: Non emergency- 101, Email: jane.hendy@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk will come and meet with the children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prior's close car park Back garden fence with access to open area Side fence with open access onto 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCTV in operation covering the car park Building secure when building unoccupied Other bungalows on complex alert Children do not go out with no support, staff mindful of where they are Risk assessments drawn up before an outing



	and talk over any concerns highlighted to them to reassure the children	school grounds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close proximity to high street, public houses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web:www.thamesvalley.police.uk https://www.crime-statistics.co.uk/postcode/sl1%202bq
Deprivation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The fact that we offer short breaks to take stress off families We offer opportunities to children that they may not otherwise receive due to family hardship/other family commitments We ensure children receive healthy meals while they are with us We offer a warm, homely, safe environment for children. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slough has a very high population and there are vast areas that are densely populated High unemployment High number of single parents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Always assessing the needs of the children and their family and help given if needed

Overall:

Breakaway is in a good location. The children accessing Breakaway are protected as far as possible. They are unlikely to be part of the gang, suffer sexual exploitation, take part in crime related activities, abscond etc.

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Attached: The Slough Story
Slough LSCB Strategy to tackle Child Sexual Exploitation