

We are proud of who we are, and we want to tell you about it.

We believe our children's home in Mildenhall is a very special place where we meet the needs of our young people through memorable and meaningful experiences.

Our focus is on the young people and their needs so we have created a homely and supportive environment, offering stimulation and opportunities' for all.

The Home

The home was originally built as a private dwelling and has been adapted to provide a well-equipped children's home. Within the main house are five bedrooms, 3 bedrooms are en-suite, a large lounge, along with a family kitchen and dining room.

Within 13 acres of grounds we have access to our own woodland and Paddocks. We have chickens and are looking to develop into a small holding for the young people to gain experiences in looking after animals and provide a therapeutic environment.

Our Aims

Improving young people's lives is our driving force and a lot of work goes into achieving that. Our aims include

- For young people to get the most out of life and develop their skills for adulthood.
- For our young people to enjoy good physical and mental health and live a healthy lifestyle
- To respect the individual identities of each young person ensuring their views are sought and acted upon
- To ensure that all children or young people in receipt of the service are kept safe and free from harm.

Who lives here

We house up to five young people aged 8 to 18, both males and females who may display a range of challenging and anti-social behaviour, resulting from traumatic circumstances.

They may have been diagnosed as suffering from;

- Conduct disorder
- Emotional and behavioural difficulties
- Developmentally delayed
- Social and/or learning difficulties.

What do we do?

The same as young people in every other home across the country! We aim to help all young people in our care to pursue their particular interest and to develop confidence and skills.

Young people are asked about their wants likes and dislikes when it comes to planning evenings, weekends and holiday activities. This may include

- cinema trips
- bowling
- roller-skating
- football
- tennis
- basketball.

We also recognise the importance of home based activities such as cooking, gardening and provide newspapers, books, magazines, videos and computing facilities as part of the living environment.

We support the young people in making friendships with others of their own age in the local community here in Mildenhall, and through local clubs and local activities along with celebrations such as fetes and festivals.

What might be different to other households is that we have access to a number of different therapeutic inputs including:

- Music Therapy
- Drama Therapy
- Art Therapy
- Speech & Language Therapy

Our specific therapy programmes are designed to give the young person an opportunity to:

- Communicate their complex thoughts and feelings in a non-threatening and confidential environment
- Provide a clear and specific behaviour management plan
- Development of self-esteem and a sense of identity
- Provide an opportunity to reflect and develop
- Provide support and the opportunity for sharing experiences

Who Works Here?

Our team are made up of Support Workers, Senior Support Workers, Shift Leaders, a Deputy Manager and a Registered Manager. They come from a range of backgrounds, some from children's care, some from adult care, and for some this is the first time they have worked with young people. What matters most to us is that whoever joins our team understands the challenges but more importantly the positives of working with such amazing young people. Staff

with a diverse background of age, culture, experience and qualifications provide a positive role model, to whom young people can begin to identify with.

Our staff are role models for our young people, as a social learning is a powerful tool. Our team use a number of tools with the young people including the use of positive reinforcement, counselling, contracts, rewards and positive behaviour management.

To reward our team we offer a range of training, holidays, competitive pay, and most importantly to us career development...we want our staff to be the best them they can be.

What else do you need to know?

We are part of a large group of homes, schools and hospitals for children, young people and adults across the country, the Priory Group. Our group have values that are lived in our sites everyday;

Putting People First

Acting with Integrity

Being Positive

Striving for Excellence

Being Supportive

These values help us to be great at our jobs and provide an excellent service to our young people.

We're recruiting for Support Workers and Senior Support Workers in our amazing Mildenhall Home. If you would like to make an application or get more information, please call the Registered Manager, Joanne Human, 01638 712869 or drop her an email JoanneHuman@priorygroup.com