



## **Statement**

**Re: 24 Portway Road, Rowley Regis, B65 9DB**

Stepping Stones Care (Midlands) Ltd would like to provide a care home to accommodate up to 4 children as stated below.

The proposal is for the use of the property as a children's residential care home for up to 4 children living together. Staff will work shifts through out the day and a waking night shift. The staff will not reside at the property but work shifts on a Rota. The home will be a residential children's home for young people between the ages of 11 & 17 with learning difficulties. The service will be registered and licensed by Ofsted.

The property is currently used as a 4 bedroom residential dwelling. No exterior or interior modifications are planned to take place apart from the introduction of fire doors to all rooms, emergency lighting internally as required and an adequate integrated fire detection system.

The site compromises a semi-detached dwelling with a driveway allowing the ease for parking with two floors under a tiled pitched roof. It further compromises of a kitchen/diner, a living room, office and WC room to the ground floor. Upstairs there are four large double bedrooms and a family bathroom. This will not change with our proposal.

### **Staff**

The house will be managed by a Registered Manager who will be registered with OFSTED and will have the relevant experience of managing a children's home as well as having a Level 5 in Leadership in Health and Social Care and Children & Young People's Services.

The staff team will comprise of senior and residential support workers, all the staff will have or be working towards level 3 in health and social care, children and young people's workforce.

The home uses a staffing ratio in accordance with the needs of the young people who reside in the home.

All Support Workers will oversee the direct care and supervision of the children/young people placed. They will conduct their role in line with good practice, organisational policies and procedures and the individual care plans for each young person. They will be allocated key-workers roles with individual children/young people and delegated organisational responsibilities for the home as part of their personal development.

There is always a senior member of staff on shift. There is always out of hours support to assist and oversee the running of the home out of hours, weekends and holidays.

We have held discussions with local authority Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council and there is a demand for additional services in order to meet the looked after children needs which are regulated by Ofsted.