

Location Area Risk Assessment



Thornbury House

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Introduction

All children, whether they are Looked After by the state or their parents, need to feel safe in the area surrounding their home. Just as any parent would want their child to live in a safe area so too will a corporate parent who places children in a children's home. Recent public and media attention has focused on the physical environments of children's homes and the ever-changing risks associated with living in villages, towns and cities all round the UK. However, it is not always straightforward to define a 'safe' area. A place that was previously deemed safe can change rapidly and may cause a risk to vulnerable children in particular. Equally, in some individual cases, children may themselves heighten risks in an area if they have particularly risky behaviours and this is not managed appropriately.

A home may be located in an area with some local risks, and still be 'safe', if these are managed well, arrangements are made to keep children safe, and careful consideration is taken in particular around placement decisions. Risks associated with the location and the environment surrounding the home must always be considered along with the steps that should be taken to manage, limit, prevent and reduce to possibility of a young person be harmed whilst in a children's home and as mentioned previously, this puts additional emphasis on the placement decisions and in particular the providers matching process.

All Placing Authorities are equally as responsible for assessing local risks and making judgments about a location of a children's home before placing the child and in doing so should ensure that all relevant information about a young person has been shared with a provider to ensure that all risk factors have been considered and discussed. It is not only the risks that are considered when placing a young person in a certain location but also the accessibility for all young people to access external services such as education, health, EWMHS/Therapeutic services and age-appropriate activities

Thornbury House is located in the town of Braintree, Essex.

Braintree is a town in Essex, England. The principal settlement of Braintree District, it is located 10 miles (16 km) northeast of Chelmsford and 15 miles (24 km) west of Colchester. Braintree still retains these excellent links to the coast, London and East Anglia via the A12, A120 and M11. With the addition of Stansted airport and trains that serve two stations in the town, at the end of the Braintree Branch Line

According to the last Census, the population of Braintree was over 155,000. Braintree has grown contiguous with several surrounding settlements. Braintree lies on the River Brain and to the south of Stone Street, the Roman road from Braughing to Colchester, while Bocking lies on the River Blackwater and to the north of the road. The two are sometimes referred together as Braintree and Bocking and in April 1934 they formed the civil parish of that name, which is now unparished.

Role of the Provider

Regulation 46 of the *Children's Homes Regulations 2015* introduced a requirement in January 2014 for providers or managers to:

- Ensure that premises used for the purposes of a children's home are appropriately and suitably located so that children cared for by the home are: effectively safeguarded, & able to access services to meet the needs identified in their care or placement plans;
- Review the appropriateness and suitability of the location of the premises at least once in every calendar year. Taking into account the requirement in regulation 12(2)©

Although it's difficult to predict the ever-changing local environment and the associated risks that come with change, the homes management have a responsibility to access all potential risks in the local area and implement strategies to limit, prevent and reduce the risk of a young person being harmed. The home's management with implement a Location Risk Assessment which will be kept under review and amended periodically depending on changes to the local environment and taking into account any new risks as these are identified.

As part of the home's responsibility, ensuring that young people have the opportunity to share their views about the home's location, to establish whether they feel safe and to offer feedback on the quality of care and support that they are offered by not only the home but local services too.

It is important for the home's management have a broad understanding of the area in which the home is located and the characteristics of the local environment.

When carrying out a Location Risk Assessment, the home management will need to take into account;

- Whether the location of the home potentially places an already vulnerable child in an area that could make that young person vulnerable to harm such as being targeted for CSE/CCE and/or radicalisation
- Whether the location will allow young people to continue exhibiting offending and anti-social behaviour;
- The suitability of the local neighbourhood as a location to care for children who may have already been victims of abuse and neglect; and
- Whether there are environmental factors that would represent a hazard to children, such as locations near busy roads.

Location assessments should also take into account any positive features in a local community that would offer benefits to children living in a children's home. For example, assessments could include evidence about opportunities for children to participate in leisure, sporting or cultural activities, or links with services that could support the child's ethnic or religious identity.

Popular attractions in the area include;

- Great Notley Country Park
- Braintree and Bocking public gardens
- Cressing Temple
- Freeport shopping village, Braintree
- Boydell Dairy Farm
- Marks Hall farm
- Sky ropes and sky ropes junior
- Cineworld Braintree
- Namco Funscape Braintree

Upon going further outside of Braintree we have access to places such as:

- Colchester Castle
- Colchester Zoo
- Rollerworld and Quaser
- Colchester and leisure world sports centre
- Riverside Ice rink
- Mountfitchet Castle
- Duxford

This is not an exhaustive list and further information of activities is held at the home.

Health Services located near Braintree:

Blandford medical centre
Mace Avenue
Braintree
Essex CM7 2AE
01376 347100

St Lawrence medical practice
Braintree College
Church lane
Braintree CM7 5SN
01376 552474

Dentist
Braintree dental centre
9c Coggeshall Road
Braintree
Essex CM7 9DB
01376 321061

Dentist
R Patel and associates
St Michael's house
St Michael's lane
Braintree
Essex
CM7 1EY
01376321789

Opticians
Specsavers Braintree
68-70
High street
Braintree
Essex
CM7 1JP
01376 5522

EWMHS
69 Duke Street
Chelmsford
Essex
CM1 1QH
0300 555 1200
EWMHS@nelft.nhs.uk

Community Sexual Health Moulsham Lodge Clinic

Description

Specialist nurses, doctors and support staff provide walk-in and appointment clinics for the following: contraception, sexually transmitted infection testing, chlamydia treatment, pregnancy testing and advice, cervical screening, referrals to other sexual health services, including termination of pregnancy. For appointments, please call 0300 003 1212 between 9am - 7pm Monday to Friday. Monday Walk In 3.30 - 5pm. Appointments 6 - 9pm. Saturday Walk In 12 noon - 4pm. Friday Walk In 1.30 - 4.30pm. Appointments 9.30am - 12.30pm. (Tel 01245 318750 during service times only).

Location

Moulsham Lodge Clinic, Lilac Close, Chelmsford, CM2 9NY

Organisation

Provide

Telephone

0300 0031212

Email

provide.essexsexualhealthservice@nhs.net

Colchester General Hospital
Turner Road
Colchester
Essex
CO4 5JL
01206 747474

North Essex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Mental Health Services
Chelmsford
Essex
01245 546400
Open until 16:30

Broomfield hospital
Court road
Chelmsford
Essex
CM1 7ET

Key contacts, resources and services

The Children's home already has links within the local authority in order to consult about any local issues or individual issues with young people. The key links for local services is detailed below and their responses to consultation on the location report.

Local Service	Key Individual and contact details	Feedback for assessment
LADO	Essex Safeguarding Team – Essex County Council Essex Duty LADO number: 03330 139 79	LADO have been contacted and invited to the home to meet with the homes management to discuss the service and discuss how we as a home are going to work successfully with the local Safeguarding Teams to protect our young people
Offending & Missing Person's	Carly.carter@essex.police.uk Missing Person's Liaison Officer North Hub – Braintree Police Station 01245 504 202 / Carly.carter@essex.police.uk Essex Police – Andy Holmes Braintree & Uttlesford District Andrew.holmes@essex.pnn.police.uk	The local MPLO and Anti-Social behaviour officer have already visited Thornbury House and met with the management to discussed the homes service and how we are all going to work in collaboration to ensure the safety of our young people
Local Probation / YOT Services	Mid Essex Youth Offending Team Team Manager: Kate Hill Suite 2, Empire House Victoria Road, Chelmsford Essex. CM1 1PA Telephone: 03330 138932 Fax: 01245 358337 Email: yot.chelmsford.ecc@essex.gov.uk	Any young person that comes to the home that already has involvement with YOS and/or commits an offence whilst at Thornbury House will be support by the local YOS. The homes staff will work closely with the local YOS to ensure that any young person that must attend regular appointments and needs support in fulfilling any court order that's in place
EWMHS	www.nelft.nhs.uk/services-ewmhs Tel: 0300 300 1600	Referrals for local Mental Health services can be made via the website and telephone number provided and once a referral has been made, an officer will be allocated to consult with the relevant professionals and potentially support any young person that requires needs it
Local Health Services	Sarah Minihane LAC Nurse Sarah.minihane@virgincare.co.uk 07773207312 (Leaving Care Nurse) 07831 644383	The homes manager has contacted the local LAC nurses, introduced himself and began building a working partnership that will support the home young people. Once the home is open, the LAC Nurses have kindly stated that they will arrange a visit to meet the homes management, staff and potentially young people to again discuss how they can support the home and its young people.

Residents		As young people are accommodated at Thornbury House they will be offered the opportunity to contribute and share their views about the homes Location Risk Assessment.
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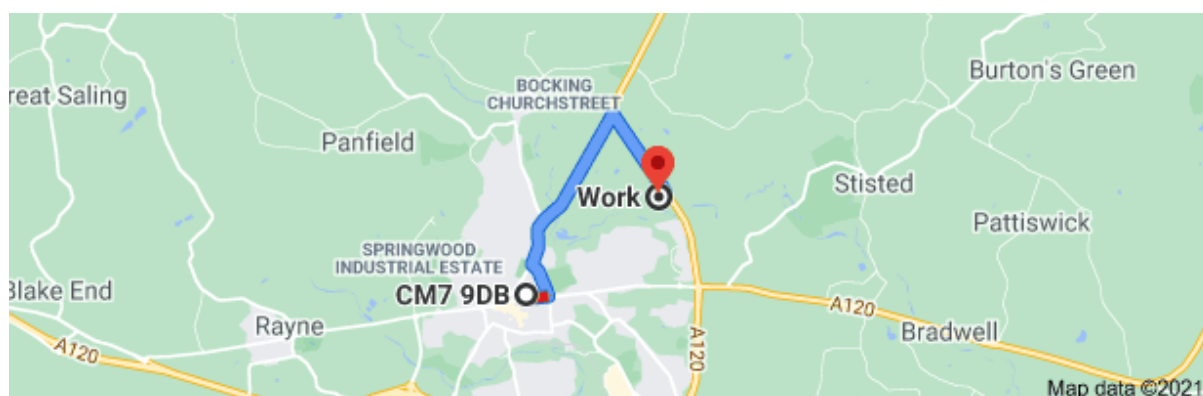
Potential Hotspots

(These will cross reference within each young Person's Individual community mapping information to ascertain any risk factor)

Braintree Skatepark

Braintree Skatepark, Coggeshall Rd, Braintree **CM7 9DB**

42 min (2.1 mi) via Coggeshall Rd/B1256 and A131



John Ray Recreation Ground (Braintree boxing club)

Braintree Boxing Club, John Ray Street, Recreation Ground, Braintree
CM7 9DZ

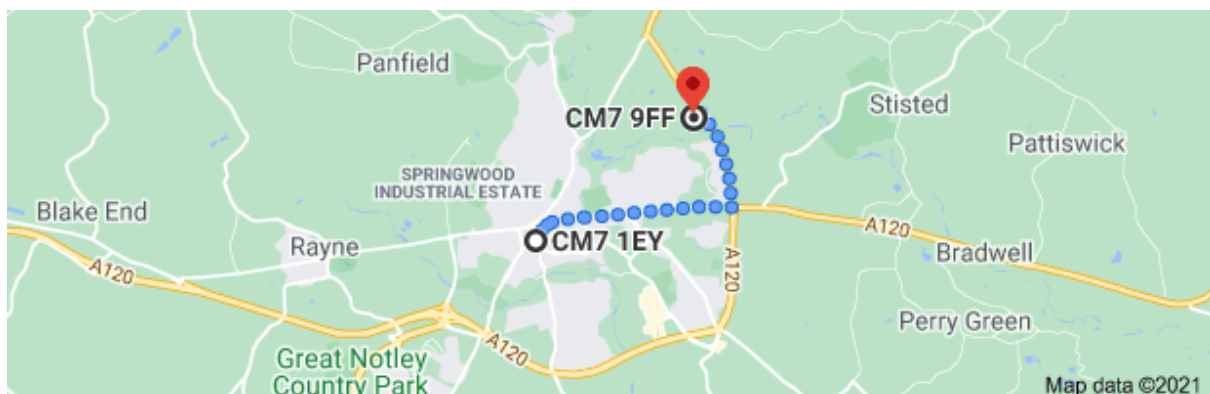
35 min (1.8 mi) via Coggeshall Rd/B1256 and A131



ST. Michaels Church and Fountain

St Michael's Church, St Michael's Rd, Braintree CM7 1EY

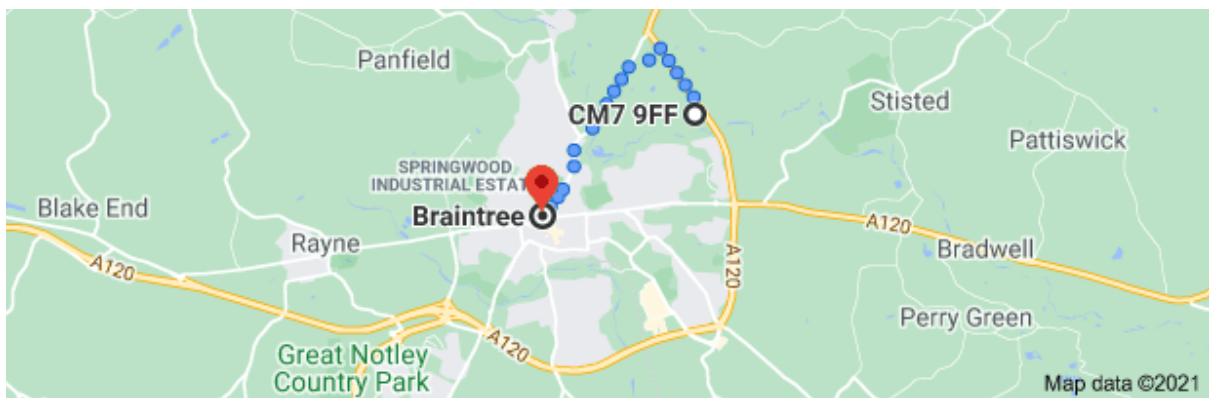
48 min (2.4 mi) via Coggeshall Rd/B1256 and A131



Braintree Town Centre

Braintree

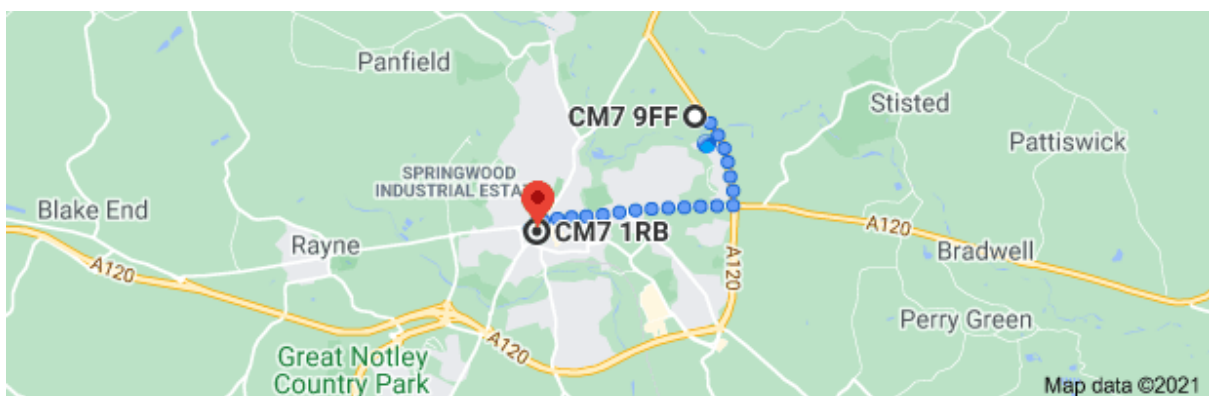
45 min (2.2 mi) via B1053



George Yard Shopping Centre

George Yard Shopping Centre, George Yard, Braintree **CM7 1RB**

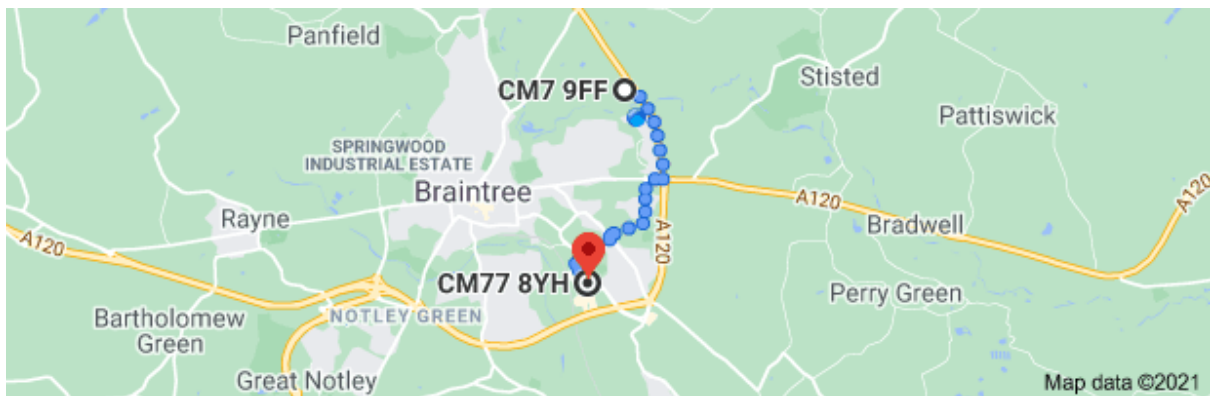
50 min (2.5 mi) via A131 and Coggeshall Rd/B1256



Freeport Designer Village

Freeport Braintree, Charter Way, Chapel Hill, Braintree **CM77 8YH**

44 min (2.2 mi) via A131



Risk Assessment & Risk Management Strategies

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Risk Levels PRIOR to Preventative Measures in place: ROAD

• Probability of risk occurring			Severity of possible injury/harm			Total Risk
High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	
	2		3			5

Risk Assessment - *Potential risk factors due to the location of the home and the environment surrounding the home;*

Road;

The road directly in front of the home is a road on a residential housing estate which is 30 MPH speed limit. It has footpaths on both sides of the road and street lighting. This estate has many alleyways which lead to wooded areas and also to the main road (Coggeshall Road). Although the road is not always busy, it is the main road onto the estate that is used by local residents to access the entire estate (2011 Census 504 residents). Although the home is not located on a 'through road' the B1064 (1 mile away) is the main road that can be used to access all nearby villages and towns. The B1064 is the Braintree bypass which gives access to the A120 and M11. There are also fields and woodland at the rear of the property with a river that runs along a footpath and a bridge which allows access to the A120 bypass.

Whilst the road outside the home is not always busy, the risk of harm would still remain high if any young person were to attempt to access the road, especially if their behaviour was erratic as such that they were not using the road with safety in mind.

If any young person that were to access the road during the daylight hours, they would find that there were foot paths on either side of the road, some uneven ground in parts of the alleyways and a road that has a steady stream of traffic that could potentially be driving at speeds of up to 30 mph. At night there is the added safety of streetlights that go off at midnight. This may only be a risk if young people abscond after midnight and cannot see where they are going.

At night all of the above would apply but there would be the added risk of the young person not being able to see where they are going if they took the alleyway opposite the home, due to it not being lit.

The home will potentially accommodate young people with a history of missing behaviour and emotional instability and on occasions this may cause them to possibly attempt to leave the premises on foot and access the road in order to abscond or have time and space away from the home. Any young people who are initially accommodated at Thornbury House are very likely to be unfamiliar with the local area and the risks associated with the local road (alley ways, no street lighting) and this would also increase the risk of harm caused by the location of the road.

Risk Levels POST to Preventative Measures in place: ROAD

Probability of risk occurring			Severity of possible injury/harm			Total Risk
High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	
	2			2		4

Risk Management – *Strategies, actions and protective factors that the home will undertake to manage, limit and prevent the risk of harm to its young people;*

Upon arrival to the home, each young person will have a Placement Planning Meeting (PPM) which will provide the homes management to provide valuable information about the road and information concerning the local area and the risk of harm. The young people will be given supervised access to the community in order to allow them to familiarise themselves with the local area. This also allows for staff to observe if young people are competent in road safety, stranger danger, and support them in these areas if necessary.

As part of the Induction Programme, each young person will be provided further literature and information in order to educate them on general road safety awareness and they will also be given clear information about what responses to expect from staff if they were to access the road and place themselves in danger. Staff will also remind young people that staff will have regular use of the homes vehicles so that young people can access the local community as per their individual risk assessment and in line with their care plans. If the young person is refusing to engage in the induction due to the time and circumstances of the admission, then staff will undertake the same procedure at the earliest opportunity and if the young person were to leave the home during this period, then the homes staff will follow the homes Missing Policy, Location Area Risk Assessment (LARA) and Missing Protocol. At the very least, staff will verbally warn each young person through the Placement Planning Meeting of the dangers of the local area which will include the road, and record that the young person has acknowledged this through the signing of the appropriate section of their induction programme.

Prior to accommodating any young person at Thornbury House, the Location Area Risk Assessment will be sent to the placing authority for review on all the potential risks with a particular emphasis taken to discussions around the risks of the local roads and the strategies that staff will use to manage this risk. As part of the homes robust matching process, the homes management will consult with the placing authority to access the possibility of a young person accessing the road to abscond and/or place themselves at risk by using the road in a way that would be deemed risky. The homes management will request any information about any historic concerns/incidents that would suggest that a young person would potentially place themselves at risk using the road and if there was any evidence that the young person had a good awareness of road safety. All the information gathered will contribute to any decisions around the refusal or acceptance of a referral.

If a young person were to leave the home without support and guidance from staff and attempt to access the road then staff will attempt to redirect the young person into the garden where it is safer and remind the young person of the risks associated with accessing the road. The home has a high fence at the back of the garden and hedges and trees around its perimeter to assist staff monitoring the young people and keeping them safe. The homes management will ensure that all new staff will read the homes Local Risk Assessment and acknowledge that they are aware of all the risks and responsibilities associated with the road through the homes staff induction process.

Accessing the road at any time during the day can be risky, there are some differing risks that need to be considered during daylight and night-time hours. Although there will be obviously more passing traffic during the daylight hours, the fact young people and staff (when following) will be able to see clearly where they are going and that drivers will have a quicker response time to slow down and avoid any young person and staff in the road will certainly help to reduce the potential of any serious incident. With the home not securing its doors during the day, the likelihood of a young person having the

opportunity to access the road will be higher than at night but this will also be during the hours where the staffing levels are higher meaning that there are more staff to work with, support and protect a young person from potentially placing themselves at risk. In the event of a young person attempting to go missing and/or access the road at night, staff will need to be prepared and mindful of the additional risks that are associated with accessing the road at night. Staff following any young person will also be equipped with a torch and florescent clothing and will use this to draw attention to themselves and any young person to reduce the risk of harm.

Each young person will have a Missing Protocol that staff will follow each time a young person is believed to be potentially engaging in risk taking and/or missing behaviour and will have instructions on how to manage the risk, work with their colleagues and any external services and aim to have the young person returned home safely at the earliest opportunity.

Any and every-time a young person attempts to access the road to engage in risk taking behaviour whether that be to go missing, cause disruption, self-harm or even exhibit extreme attention seeking behaviour, staff will follow on foot and/or in a company vehicle in order to minimise the risk and encourage the young person to return safely to the home.

If in extreme circumstances a young person is placing themselves and/or staff at risk then staff may have no option but to restrain them as a safety measure and/or contact the emergency services for additional safe support

Risk Levels PRIOR to Preventative Measures in place: A120

Probability of risk occurring			Severity of possible injury/harm			Total Risk
High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	
3			3			6

Risk Assessment - *Potential risk factors due to the location of the home and the environment surrounding the home;*

A120;

The A120 - With a high-speed Dual carriageway running close to the home, there are obvious high risks and concerns about the potential of harm if a young person was to access the A120 carriageway.

The A120 is an important trunk road in the East of England. It forms links to Stansted Airport, Colchester, port of Harwich and the vital M11 and A12. Heavy volumes of traffic travels along this road with up to 245,400 vehicles using it on a daily basis. The Galleys Corner and Marks Farm roundabouts in the west suffer from severe congestion, which is not only limited to peak periods.

If any young person that were to access the road during the daylight hours, they would see the access to the carriageway is restricted by fencing, barriers and hedges that surround roads.

The speed limit of the A120 is 60mph.

The home will potentially accommodate young people with a history of missing behaviour and emotional instability and on occasions this may cause them to possibility attempt to leave the premises on foot and access the road in order to abscond or have time and space away from the home. Any young people who are initially accommodated at Thornbury House are very likely to be unfamiliar with the local area and the risks associated with this busy road.

Risk Levels POST to Preventative Measures in place: A120

Probability of risk occurring			Severity of possible injury/harm			Total Risk
High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	
	2			2		4

Risk Management – *Strategies, actions and protective factors that the home will undertake to manage, limit and prevent the risk of harm to its young people;*

Although there are obvious risks of harm that must be considered with access to the A120 being reasonably close to the home, the access to the carriageway is restricted by fencing, barriers and hedges that surround roads.

Probability of risk occurring			Severity of possible injury/harm			Total Risk
High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	
	2			2		4

Risk Levels PRIOR to Preventative Measures in place: Local Transport Links

Risk Assessment - *Potential risk factors due to the location of the home and the environment surrounding the home;*

Local Transport Links;

There are local bus services and Train stations which go to London, Colchester, Chelmsford, Southend Stanstead airport that serves the local area.

Braintree train station and Freeport Train station are the closest to Thornbury House. Train Station is the closest railway line which is 1.6 miles away from Thornbury House and access' London Liverpool Street and Colchester Chelmsford Southend Stanstead airport.

Freeport train station is approximately 2.5 miles from Thornbury House and is also another link to London Liverpool Street, Colchester, Chelmsford, Southend and Stansted airport.

Risk Levels POST to Preventative Measures in place: Local Transport Links

Probability of risk occurring			Severity of possible injury/harm			Total Risk
High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	
		1			1	2

Risk Management – *Strategies, actions and protective factors that the home will undertake to manage, limit and prevent the risk of harm to its young people;*

Initiating SureCare's matching process and formulating an initial risk assessment in collaboration with the placing authority, family (if appropriate) and any other relevant professionals, will assist the homes manager in making an informed decision as to whether the homes location and transport links will be a significant enough deterrent and safeguarding measure to reduce a young person's missing behaviour. The homes staff will be fully aware of the local bus and train routes and the homes risk assessment and missing protocols will reflect the actions that staff will take if a young person were to attempt to access local transport. As mentioned previously, staff have company vehicles that will allow staff to follow any buses and attend any local train stations in attempt to prevent and reduce the chances of any harm coming to a young person.

The home has already established a good working relationship with the local Missing Person's Liaison Officer and Anti-Social Behaviour Officer through Essex Police and will work closely in partnership with them to reduce the risk of any harm coming to our young people

Probability of risk occurring	Severity of possible injury/harm	Total Risk
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High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	
	2			2		4

Risk Levels **PRIOR** to Preventative Measures in place: **Access to Towns & Villages**

Risk Assessment - *Potential risk factors due to the location of the home and the environment surrounding the home;*

Access to Towns & Villages;

The home is situated 1.7 miles from Braintree town centre, 6 miles from Halstead with both towns having larger populations, more shops with later opening hours and transport links that will be accessible late at night.

The closest shops are Marks Farm Tesco's which is a large supermarket, a post office and co-op in Cressing Road. A Tesco express, Fish and Chip shop, Kebab shop and Dominoes are all located on Cressing Road also.

Naturally, the home will have to consider that when conducting the matching process, that any concerns about a young person spending time in the local towns mentioned could be a risk. The risk of harm and exposure to negative influences will need to be considered prior to the commencement of the placement along with how the more time is spent in these areas may cause a young person to be exposed to crime and anti-social behaviour as well as potentially be groomed and/or subject to CSE.

Risk Levels **POST** to Preventative Measures in place: **Access to Towns & Villages**

Probability of risk occurring			Severity of possible injury/harm			Total Risk
High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	
		1			1	2

Risk Management – *Strategies, actions and protective factors that the home will undertake to manage, limit and prevent the risk of harm to its young people;*

Whilst maintaining a balance of encouraging social skills and educating young people on potential risks, the home will prior to any placement commencing have an initial RAMP in place that outlines the potential risks and vulnerabilities of each young person.

Due to the nature and location of the service, it is very likely that any young people that are accommodated at Thornbury House will be initially on 1:1 supervision out in the community until such time that all the homes management, placing authority and family (where appropriate) are satisfied that a young person is able to be trusted to manage their behaviour out in the community on their own and not place themselves at risk of harm.

All arrangements for young people having "free time" away from the home will be discussed and agreed with all the professionals involved, with the family (where appropriate) and with the young person to ensure that the young person feels that they have contributed to the decision making, that they are aware of the expectations placed upon them and understand the reasons for certain decisions being made.

Once any arrangements are in place it will be the homes duty to frequently monitor the arrangements around a young person's unsupervised time and ensure that this "free time" is being used suitably and in a way that ensures that the young person remains safe from harm.

There are numerous non-invasive and non-intrusive monitoring strategies that the homes staff can use to monitor a young person's behaviour, safety and "free time" such as;

- Regular communication with a young person before, during and after any "free time" to monitor their movements
- Work closely with the young person's family, friends and any relevant people at clubs, schools and schemes to gather important information about how the young person is whilst away from the home
- Staff noticing a change in patterns of behaviour; for example, a young person begins returning home and not presenting as they usually do, that a young person has some new belongings that cannot be explained and sensitively exploring why a 10-minute train journey has taken 2 hours

Staff will record and report in a timely manner any concerning patterns of behaviour, sudden changes to how a young person is presenting as well as any concerns around CSE, gangs and/or radicalisation. The homes staff will work with all professionals and external services in order to protect a young person from harm and frequently consult with the relevant services to monitor any ongoing risks

Probability of risk occurring			Severity of possible injury/harm			Total Risk
High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	
	2		3			5

Risk Levels PRIOR to Preventative Measures in place: Railway Lines

Risk Assessment - *Potential risk factors due to the location of the home and the environment surrounding the home;*

Railway Lines;

There is a railway line 0.7 miles away from the home.

The railway line cannot be accessed easily on foot and is not in the direct vicinity of the home, it has high fencing and locked gates surrounding it restricting access to unauthorised persons.

Risk Levels POST to Preventative Measures in place: Railways Lines

Probability of risk occurring			Severity of possible injury/harm			Total Risk
High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	High=3	Moderate=2	Low=1	
	2			2		4

Risk Management – *Strategies, actions and protective factors that the home will undertake to manage, limit and prevent the risk of harm to its young people;*

With the railway station being situated within walking distance, staff will support any young person that leaves the home by safely following on foot and/or the homes vehicle to attempt to return the young person to the home in a safely without any significant incidents occurring. Staff that following young people on foot will have access to a "Grab Bag" that will contain essential items and equipment that maybe needed to support staff in trying to minimise the risk of the young person coming to any harm.

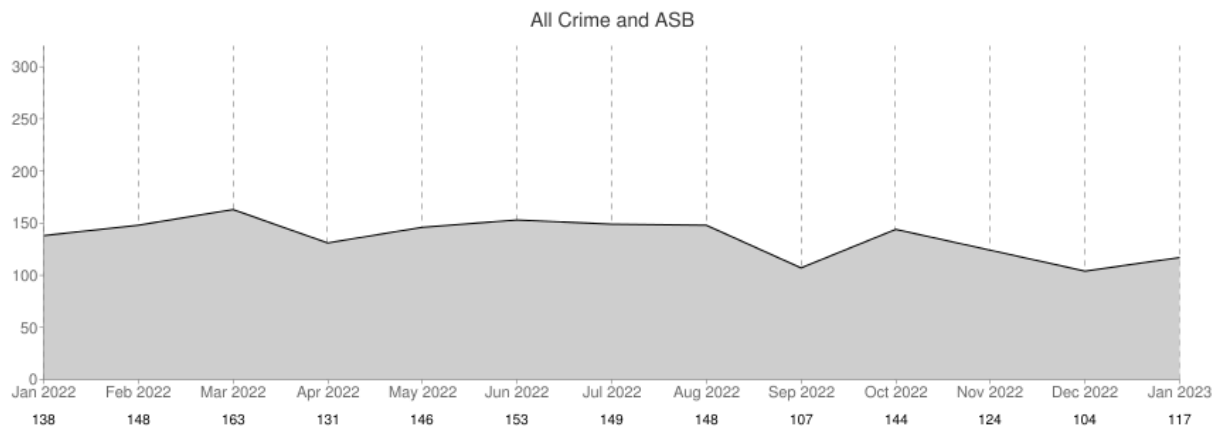
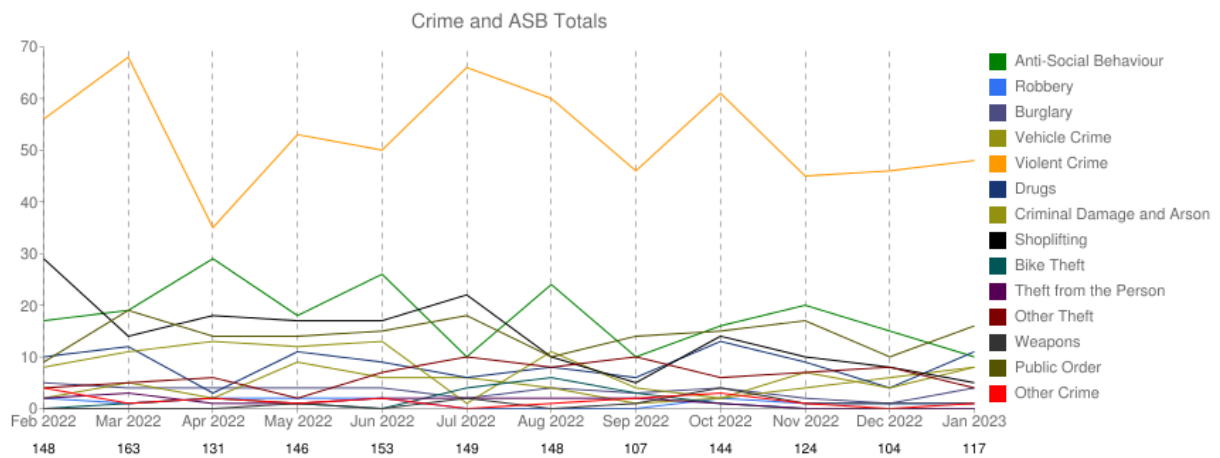
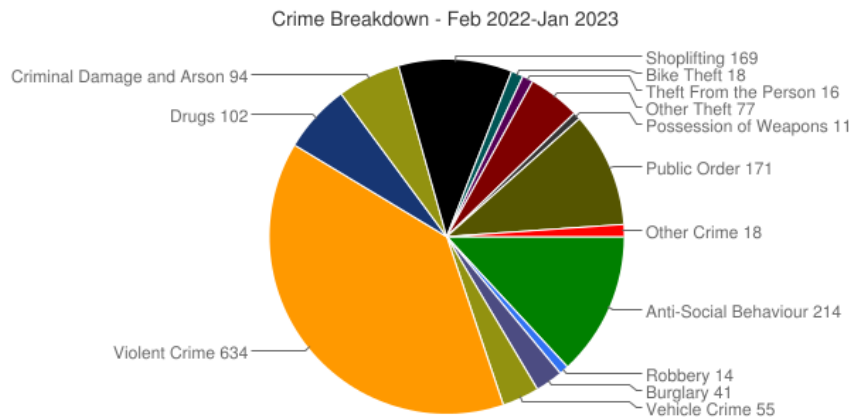
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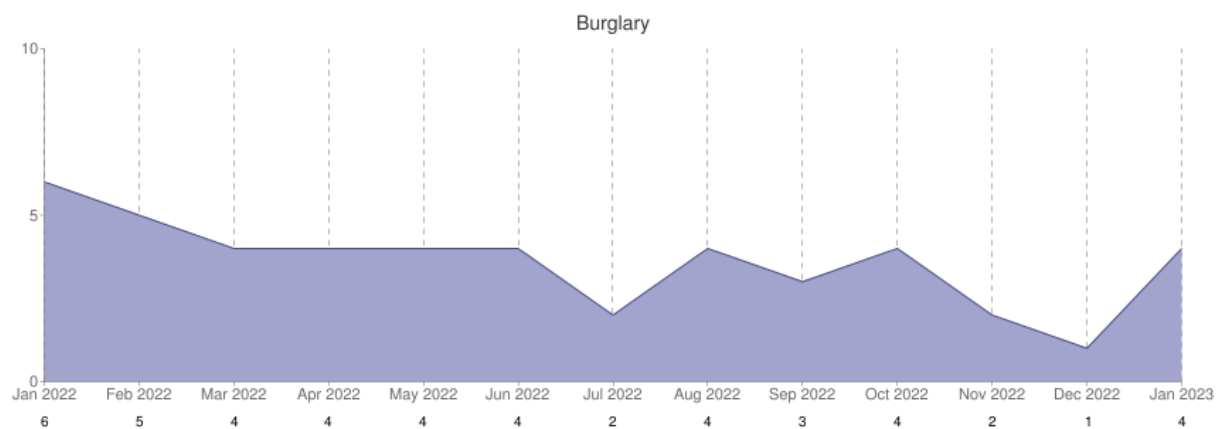
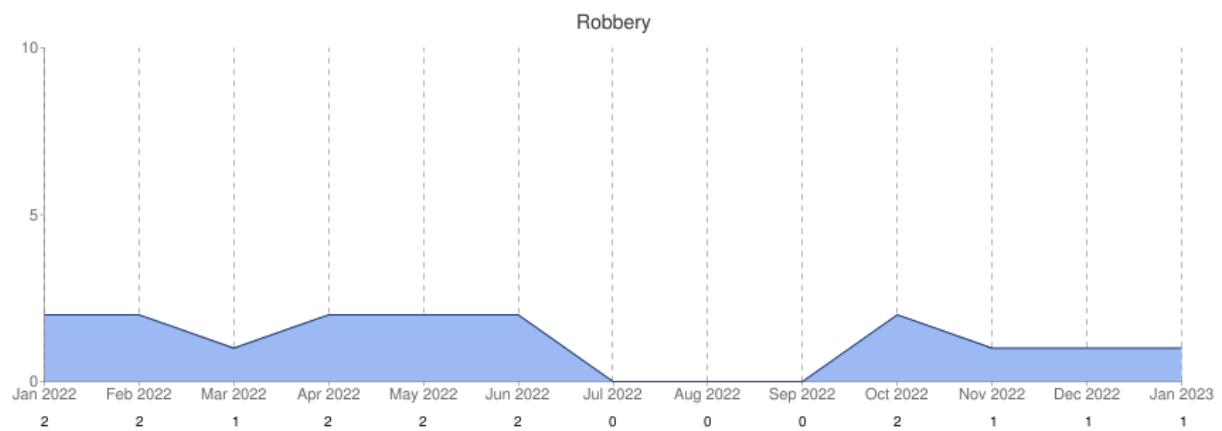
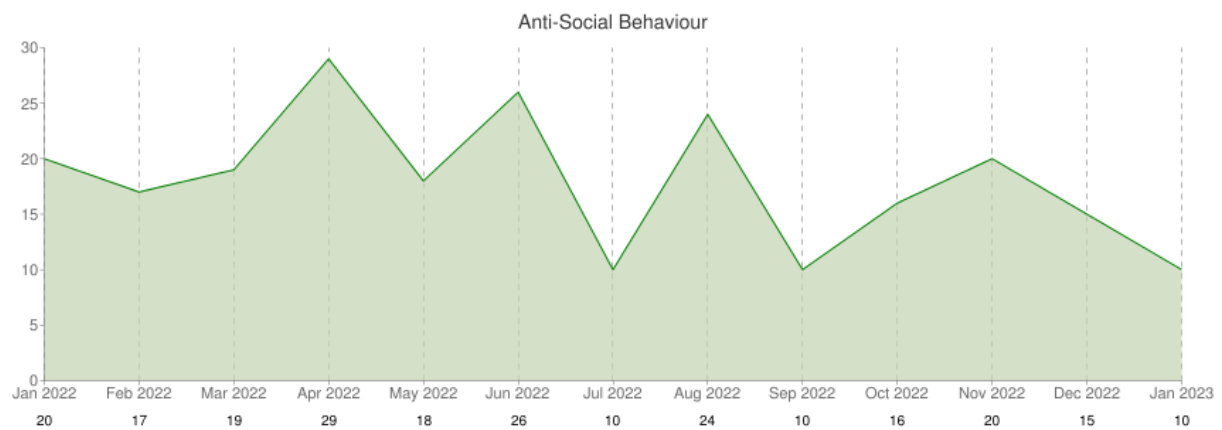
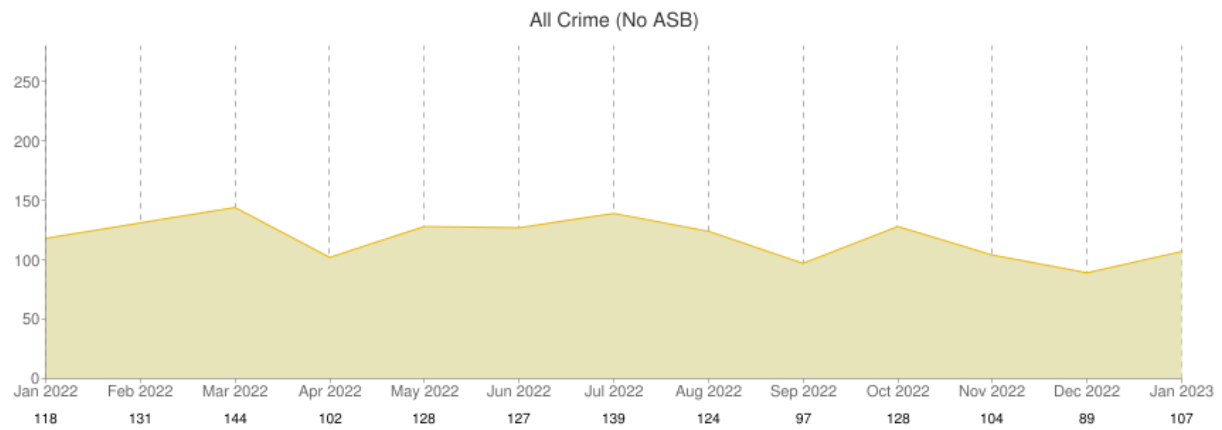
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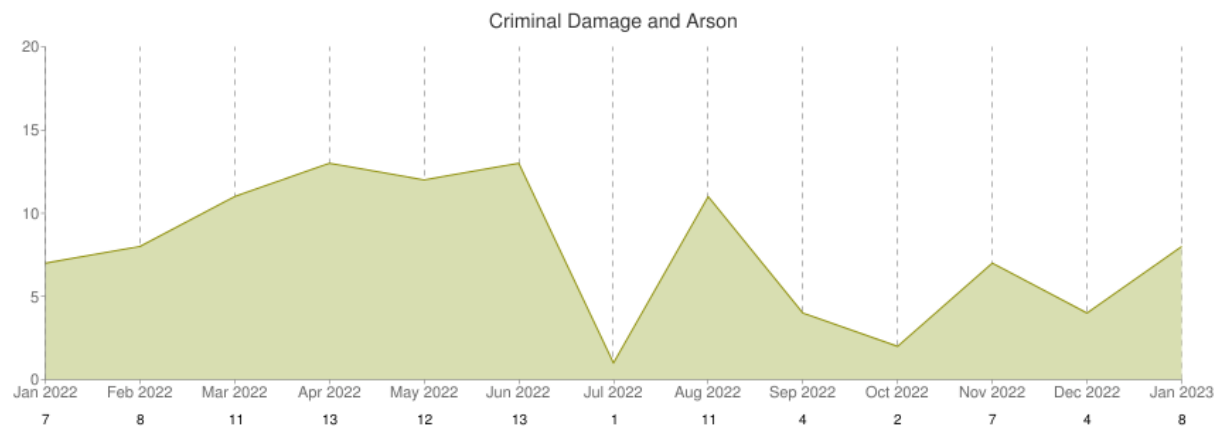
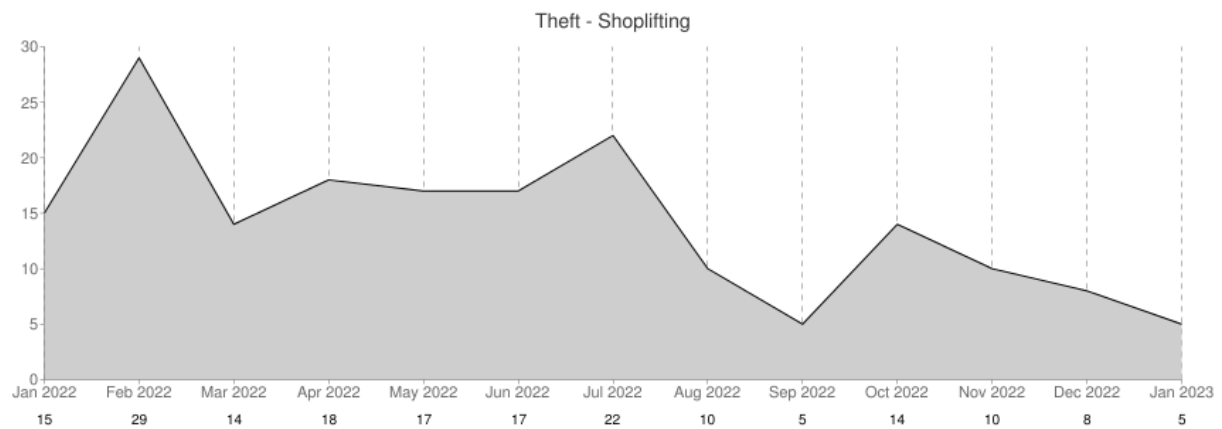
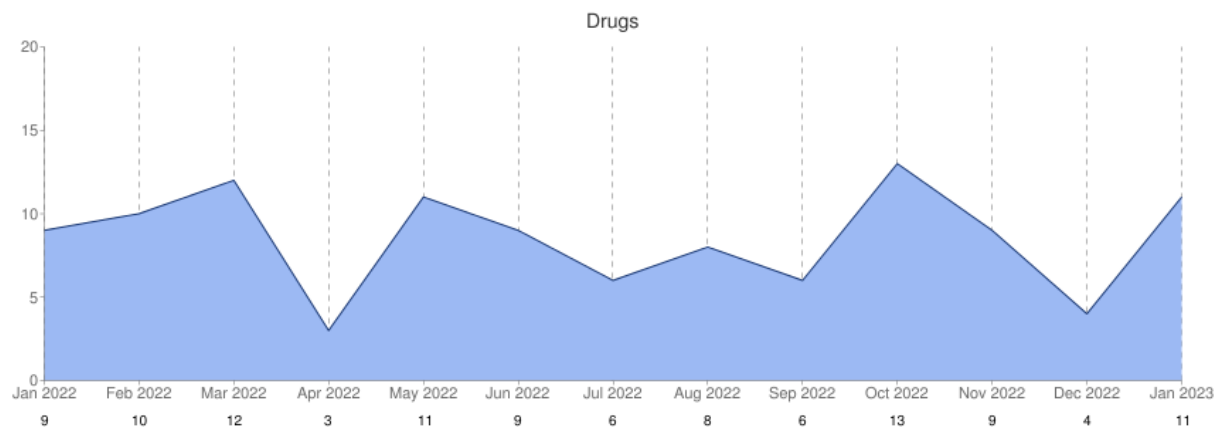
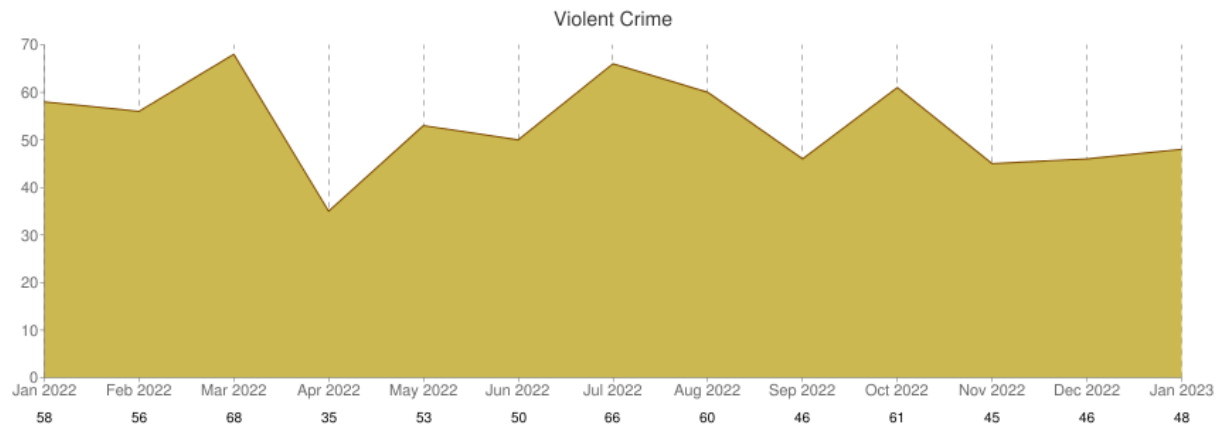
To be reviewed: April 2024 **(will be sooner if there are any significant changes/events)**

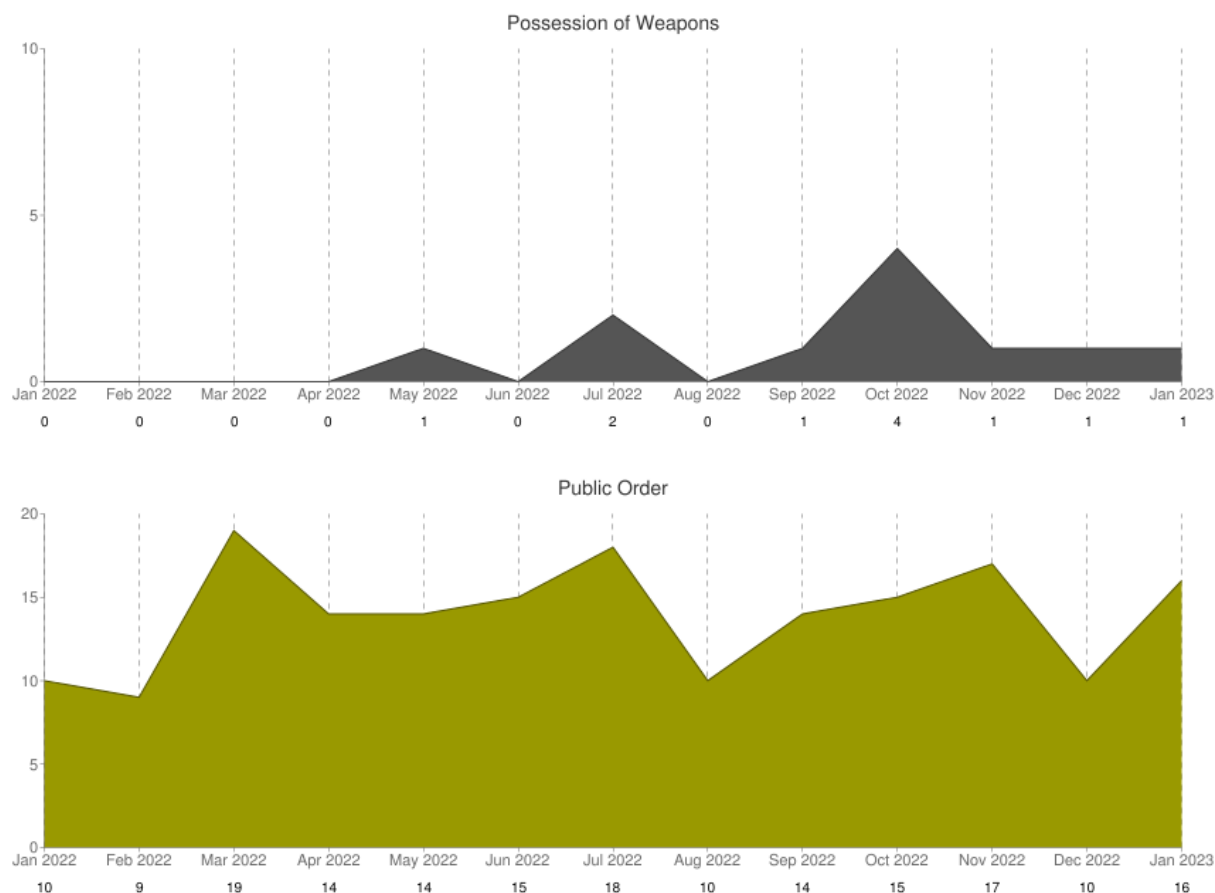
In the Braintree district there are county lines but these are transit lines which run from Colchester to Sudbury and further into Suffolk. There is no county Line linked violence in the Braintree district, there are drugs being supplied in Braintree (mainly cannabis), but no identified risk around the home (Thornbury House). Hot spots areas of drug supply are the town centre and the area around the train station.

CSE is very low in the Braintree district the hotspots identified of possible areas of future CSE is Freeport/Galleys coroner (McDonalds etc. and the town centre train station). (e mail from Police liaison officer 11.03.2023)









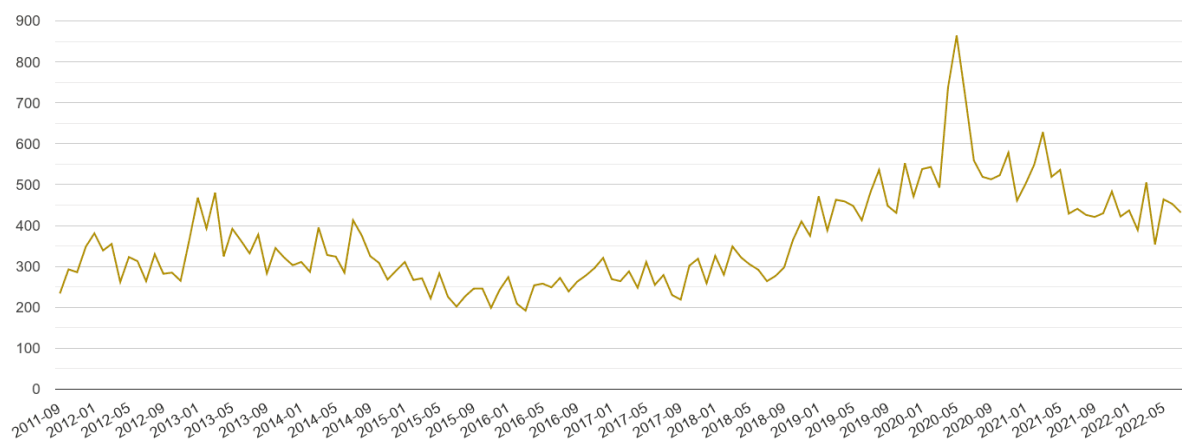
Neighbourhood Picture

The following table and graphs show you crime and ASB breakdowns and trends for Braintree Town.

	AS B	Burglary	Robbery	Vehicle	Violent	Shoplifting	CD & A	Other Theft	Drugs	Bike Theft	Theft From the Person	Weapons	Public Order	Other	Total
Jan 2023	10	4	1	8	48	5	8	4	11	0	0	1	16	1	117
Dec 2022	15	1	1	6	46	8	4	8	4	0	0	1	10	0	104

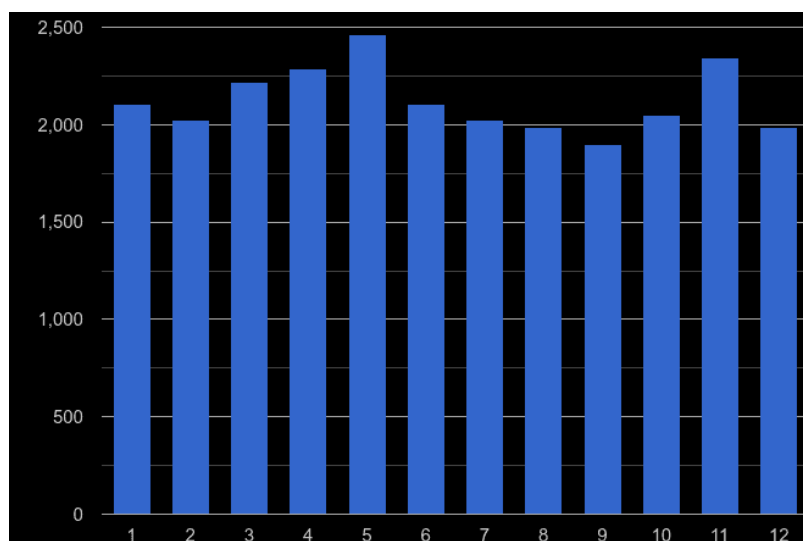
Essex drugs crime volume

Crime volume by month.



Essex drugs crime seasonality

Total number of crimes reported in a given calendar month (1 = January ... 12 = December) in the previous five years, i.e. from 2017 till 2022



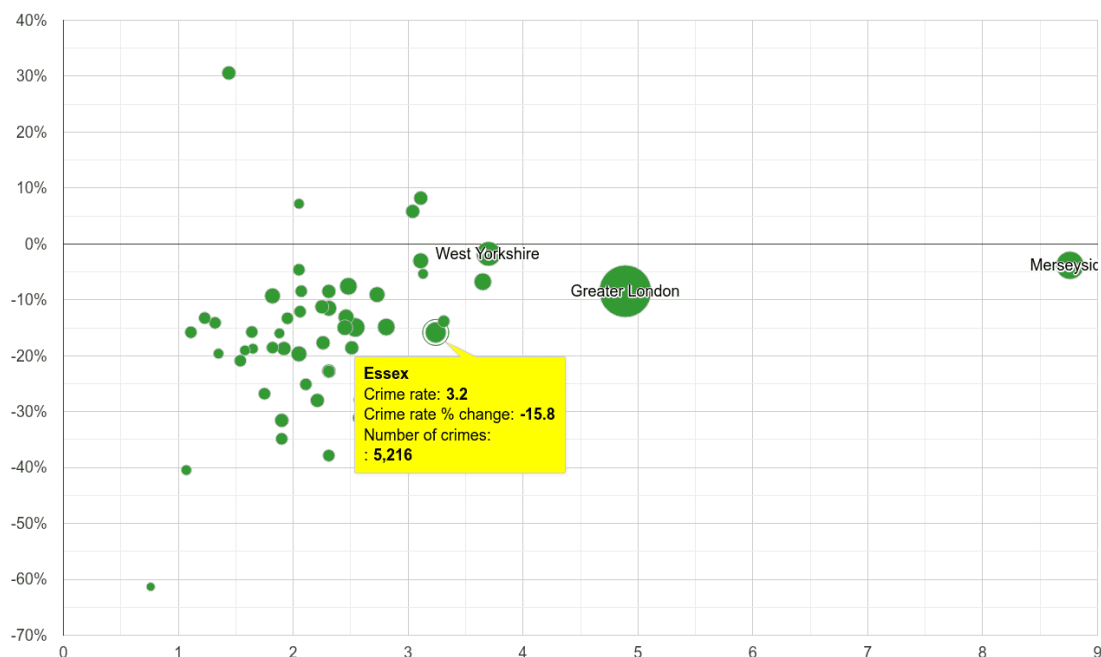
Essex drugs crime rate compared to other counties

The total number of "drugs crime" is 5.2k, and this number has decreased by 15.8% when compared year-over-year in the period of August 2021 - July 2022. In the graph below, county are compared by crime rate and crime rate percentage change. Crime rate percentage change compares the county crime rate between August 2021 - July 2022 to the county crime rate in the previous 12 months. The size of the circle reflects the number of total crimes reported. The bigger the circle, the higher the number of crimes reported in the county.

-15.8% annual change

3.2 annual crime rate per 1k workday people

5.2k crimes report



Updated stats found during August 2023 review:

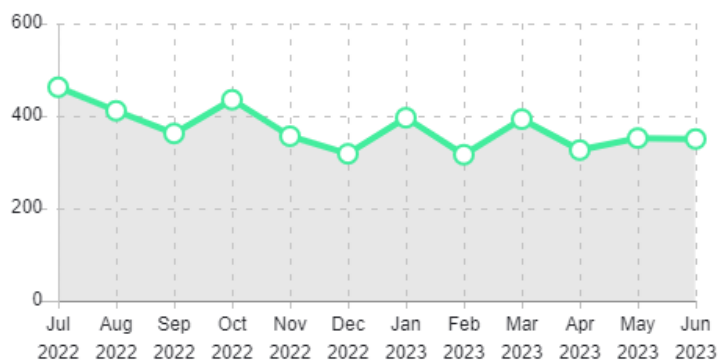
Crime levels overview

for the last 12 months (from Jul 2022 to Jun 2023)

Last 12 months

Last 3 years

Crime per Month



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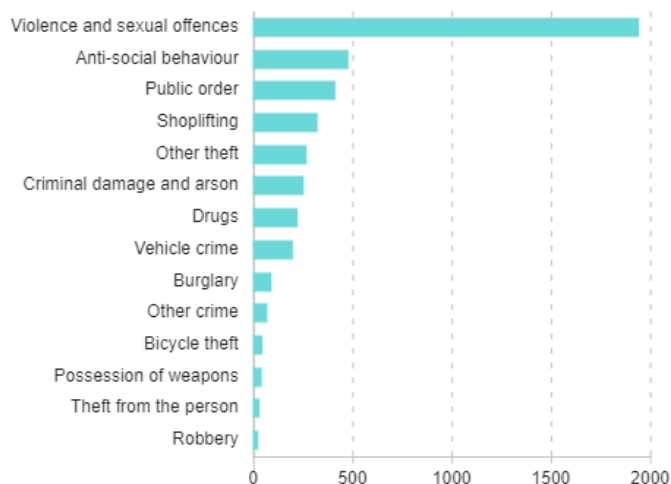
Crime types description

for the last 12 months (from Jul 2022 to Jun 2023)

Latest month

Last 12 months

Last 3 years



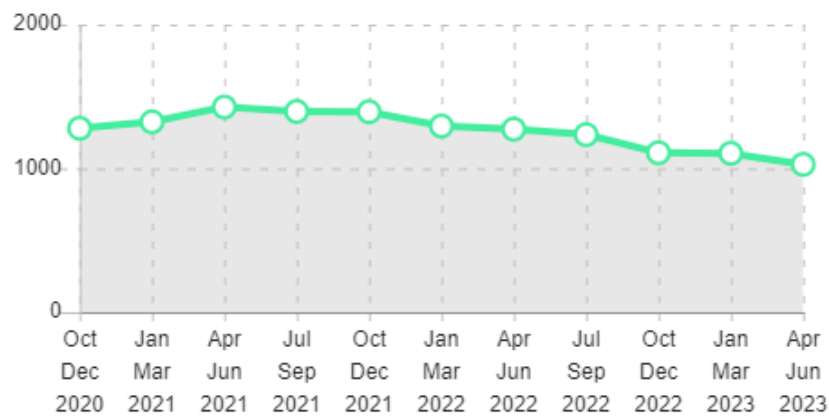
Crime levels overview

for the last 3 years (from Oct 2020 to Jun 2023)

Last 12 months

Last 3 years

Crime per Quarter



The graph above demonstrates that over the last few years crime levels in Braintree have decreased.