



Hazeldene Family Assessment Centre

A residential family assessment centre offering 24 hour support.



What is Hazeldene?

Hazeldene Family Assessment Centre provides parenting assessments within a residential setting, offering 24 hour support and monitoring.

Hazeldene is a three-storey property on a quiet residential street in Suffolk, on the Norfolk border. It has easy access to shops, schools, health facilities, the beach and a large garden for play and relaxation. There are good public transport links and Hazeldene has a vehicle to transport families when necessary.

Each family has a double bedroom with en-suite facilities, as well as their own kitchen/diner and communal areas in the house include a large lounge/playroom, laundry and meeting room.

“ I was really pleased with the commitment, communication and child-centred approach of the Hazeldene staff ”

Social Worker



How does it work?

We work with a maximum of four families at any one time, allowing us to work intensively with each family and the specific issues identified for each family's assessment.

We work inclusively with those involved with families referred to our service, to provide and plan the best possible outcome for the children. We use the Signs of Safety approach to identify what is working well for each family and the aspects we are worried about. We look at the reciprocal relationship between child and parent using the Solihull Approach, as well as the impact of environmental factors on the child's development. Parents are supported to learn and develop their parenting skills.

Placements last between eight to twelve weeks, however this is subject to review and placements can be extended or terminated early if necessary.



100% of our assessment recommendations were accepted by the court in 2016



At Hazeldene we are experienced in working with vulnerable families, including parents who have relationship difficulties, mental health issues, learning disabilities (including PAMs assessments) and parents who have a history of previous drug or alcohol dependency. Our staff have a range of relevant qualifications, including HCPC registered social workers.

We provide a clear, professional assessment of the family, with a final written report in court format at the end of the placement and are available to give evidence in court as required.

We can negotiate additional support for Social Workers, such as transport for hospital appointments, registering a child's birth and supporting supervised contacts.

Our Values



We believe that:

- The welfare and needs of children are paramount.
- Children have the right to grow up in a stable family environment where they are loved, nurtured and protected, and wherever possible the needs of children are best met within their own family.
- Every person has strengths, skills and knowledge that are important for children so parents and carers who come to the service will have their worth, dignity and privacy respected.
- Even where it is felt that parents and carers cannot safely meet the needs of their children, such decisions should be shared sensitively and every effort should be made to enable them to make a positive contribution to their children's futures.

"Thank you for all the help you
have given me, allowing me
to be a mummy to my very best"

Parent

Contact Details

For all enquiries and referrals, please contact the Manager or Deputy Manager at Hazeldene Family Assessment Centre:

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