

Cheshire House - Carshalton

Cheshire House, Carshalton, is a modern purpose built centre, providing a calm family orientated setting for up to seven families in well-apportioned, self-contained flats, one of which is on the ground floor to support people with a physical disability. All are comprehensively equipped for independent living and are designed to meet the needs of children.

Family Accommodation

The family living accommodation comprises living room, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom, all of which are attractively decorated and fully furnished. Parents are encouraged to create a homely feel by bringing personal belongings and mementos with them during their stay. We provide facilities for people with a hearing impairment or physical disability; and also have a flat allocated for day assessments.

Communal Areas

The communal areas are aimed at encouraging social interaction between families living at Cheshire House, being cosy and family-orientated with bright and cheerful surroundings.

We recognise that play is an intrinsic part of the growth and development process of families, as well as being an important socialisation experience. We have created a purpose built landscaped play garden with an indoor soft play area for this purpose. The play area is intended for use by all families, either individually, as a group or for structured play activities. Due to the nature of our work it may be sometimes be appropriate for only one family at a time to use the play area. This would depend on the individual plan. Equipment within the play area has been specifically chosen to promote all aspects of development for varying ages.

The meeting and family room is spacious and light and is used for both informal and formal meetings, as well as both individual and group work, including education, safety training and quiet activities, such as reading or computer skills. We also provide a conference suite and case notes study area.

Environment

The environment is designed to promote a feeling of wellbeing and safety, and encourage communication between parents and their children. It provides a suitable setting in which to undertake the challenging circumstances of assessment. The assessment period is at times very stressful for families; therefore staff are available 24 hours a day to provide constant support to assist families' participation.

An important element of the service is to enable families to live life as though in the wider community. Cheshire House achieves this through being located within a residential community with a wide range of facilities and amenities to support family life.

Within the vicinity, the following facilities are available to support the family centre:

- Schools
- Mother and Toddler Groups
- GP Surgery
- Health Centre
- Cinema
- Public Transport
- Parks and Play Areas
- Leisure Centre
- Swimming Pool
- Theatres
- Library
- Shops



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