



Glenfield and Melton Spot Purchase

Bespoke respite provision for children and young people with learning disabilities, PMLD and associated physical and behavioural complexities

Praxis
Care 

About Praxis Care

Shaped around the individual

- Health and social care charity
- 40 years' experience supporting individuals with mental ill health, autism, learning disabilities and dementia
- Supports over 1,500 people
- Provides innovative, professional, high-quality support services to people across the spectrum of need, particularly at the higher level of complexity
- Services for children, young people and adults are spread across England, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man and the Republic of Ireland
- Co-develops and delivers bespoke care and support in a range of community settings—dynamic to changing need and focused on meaningful individual engagement and outcomes



Glenfield & Melton Services

Providing high-quality overnight short breaks (respite) since 2002,
consistently rated as 'good' by Ofsted

Glenfield accommodates children and young people with PMLD and complex physical health conditions. The staff team are trained and supported by the Diana Children's Community Nursing team to perform delegated healthcare tasks.

Melton accommodates children and young people with learning disabilities and behaviours that can challenge. We work closely with CAMHS, specialist community teams and MDT colleagues to support and engage across each respite stay as needed.



**Each stay with us is bespoke
with careful consideration
given to cohort mix and
compatibility, shared
interests, friendships,
particular needs and
associated staffing skill sets**

Admission Criteria

Age

Glenfield & Melton services are open to children and young people between 6 and 18 years of age

Diagnosis

We welcome both

- Children with a diagnosis of a learning disability and behaviours that can challenge or
- Children with profound and multiple learning disabilities and complex health conditions

Commissioning

These places are available either via local authority commissioning teams or through personal budget direct commission by families.

From our families and young people:

"I tell the staff how much I miss them. I like helping staff out with jobs and I like to help with the food."

"My daughter loves to attend the respite service. She has made new friends and started interacting more with the other young people, which had always been a concern for me. She reacts very well to the staff and as time has gone on, she has become more familiar with staff and other young people alike."

"I like going out in the minibus."

Location and Facilities

The Glenfield & Melton services are co-located at our purpose-built site in Glenfield, Leicester

- Easy access to the M1, A46 and national rail infrastructure
- The buildings are adapted yet domestic in feel and we work to ensure that everyone feels comfortable and 'at home' during their stay
- We are mindful of sensory, visual and auditory triggers and of varied environmental stimulus settings and needs and we adapt to suit these
- All children and young people can also access 'safe spaces' during their stay
- There are accessible, engaging and safe gardens to the rear of the buildings
- Before a child or young person commences visits, we carefully assess which environment is the most appropriate to best support those needs and preferences



Home Away From Home

Glenfield

Four well-proportioned bedrooms, fully equipped sensory bathroom with Jacuzzi bath and separate shower room, large lounge and open plan dining area and a large kitchen. Ceiling track hoists are fitted throughout the building. Beds have electric profiling systems for comfort. There is plentiful storage and the space adapts to support multiple uses. It is fully wheelchair accessible.

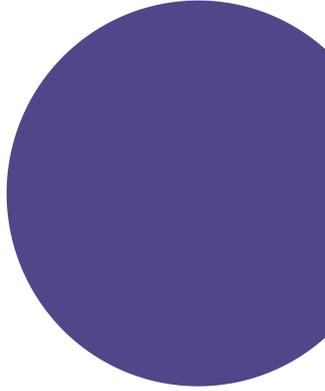
Melton

The ground floor comprises four bedrooms with large en-suite shower rooms, a bathroom with Jacuzzi bath, kitchen, dining room and lounge. A large central area provides additional activity space and accommodates a sensory area. The first floor accommodates staff offices, amenity, meeting and sleep in space.

Planning for Stays

Before commencing visits with Praxis Care, there will be considerable planning, assessment and discussion to fully understand individual levels of need/preferences

- There is a phased introduction process that reassures and prepares children and young people for their first overnight stays
- We offer introductions to the staff team and the named key worker, tours of the building, tea visits at the service, home visits and also school visits.
- We aim for each referral successfully progressing from the initial planning meeting to first overnight stay within six weeks
- As an experienced provider, we communicate sensitively with families who may be benefitting from a break from caring responsibilities for the first time



Individualised Holistic Care/Support Plan and Risk Management Plan

These are co-developed with each child/young person and their family/carers/MDT



Plans incorporate areas including

diet

physical healthcare

emotional support

communication

routines

activities

goals

objectives

Activities

Children and young people can undertake a range of enjoyable activities and social/educational outings during their stays, in groups or individually, according to preference or request.

- Community activities include trips to the beach, parks, playgrounds, zoos, bowling, walks and regular picnics, garden parties and celebrations
- Glenfield and Melton each have adapted minibuses to maximise access and participation
- Activities on-site include art and craft work, gardening, cooking, garden parties, music and film, adapted PCs, tablets, Wii game consoles, sensory equipment and play areas
- The gardens have equipment to encourage physical and learning activity. We have a mix of specialist and nonspecialist toys and equipment available.
- We celebrate and explore a range of cultural and religious occasions
- We also facilitate parents' and fundraising groups, providing support and social opportunities for families, too



Enquiries or Referrals

We work flexibly and responsively to plan stays and introduce and transition new children and young people to the service.

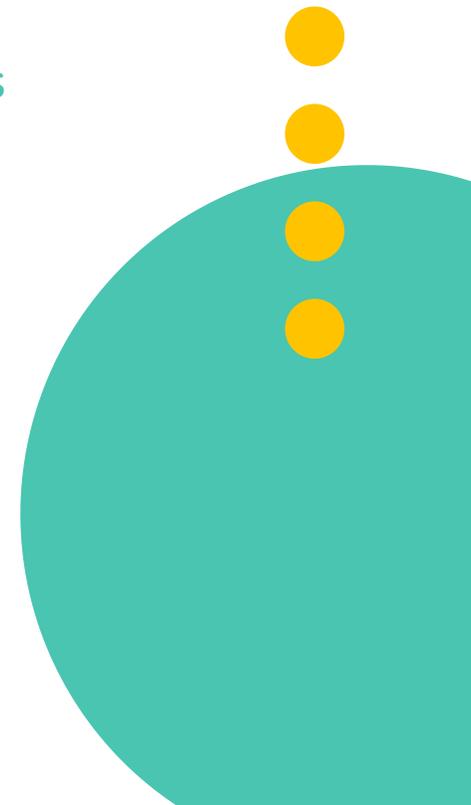
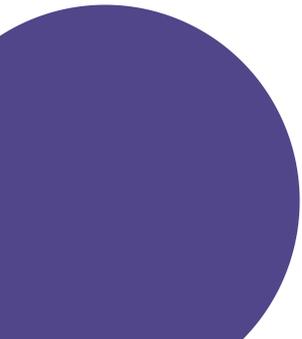
We maintain contact in between stays, build relationships with families, engage with education providers, MDT, clinicians and commissioners to ensure our offer remains an integral part of an integrated approach for everyone accessing the services.

Contact Luke, our Registered Service Manager, for further information:

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