RISK ASSESSMENT: Ambulance	**Visit**		**DATE: 02.10.26**
SITE: Foxley Day Nursery	ASESSMENT BY: Georgia Wilson		

Risk assessment description	The purpose of this risk assessment is to identify and minimise any potential risks associated with a planned visit from ambulance personnel and vehicle to the nursery on Tuesday 20th October 2026. The assessment considers the health, safety and wellbeing of all children, staff, visitors, and ambulance crew throughout the visit. The visit is intended to provide children with a positive educational experience, supporting their understanding of the role of ambulance personnel, emergency services, and how they help people within the local community. This assessment considers all aspects of the planned activity and identifies appropriate control measures to ensure the visit can be carried out safely and in accordance with our health and safety and safeguarding procedures.

WHO IS AT RISK	WHAT IS THE HAZARD	CONTROL MEASURE
Children Staff Paramedics Visitors	Vehicle movement in the outdoor area [private road/car park with vehicle access]	• Close and secure the wooden gate before children enter the outdoor area to discourage vehicle access and encourage any approaching vehicles to slow down • Staff to remain vigilant and continuously monitor for any vehicle movement throughout the activity • If access is required for another vehicle, children are moved to a safe location until the area is clear • Ensure the visiting ambulance is parked safely with the engine switched off and keys removed from ignition • Children always remain supervised by nursery staff • Establish a clear boundary for children and staff to remain within
Children	Children wandering away from the group	• Always maintain appropriate staff: child ratios • Carry out regular headcounts before, during and after the activity • Clearly define boundaries and explain expectations to children before leaving the nursery building • Position staff around the group to maintain effective supervision • Keyworkers or identified members of staff remain close to children who are known to wander or who require additional support
Children	Access to the skip or other	• A temporary exclusion zone is created around the skip using cones or barriers where possible • Children are reminded of the areas out of bounds

	restricted areas within the car park	• Staff position themselves to prevent children accessing restricted areas
Children Staff Paramedics Visitors	Slips, trips and falls	• Check the area before the visit for any hazards or uneven surfaces • Remove or isolate any hazards where possible • Ensure children wear suitable footwear • Encourage children to walk rather than run during the activity
Children	Anxiety or distress when seeing ambulance, uniformed personnel, medical equipment, flashing lights or hearing the siren	• Prepare children beforehand by discussing the visit and explaining the role of the paramedics • Participation is voluntary and children may observe from a comfortable distance where safe • Provide reassurance and support from familiar staff members/keyworkers • Allow children to return indoors if they become distressed, maintaining ratios and supervision • Explain to children that the ambulance is there to help people who are unwell or injured and that they are safe • Warn children before any loud noises or demonstrations take place, and discontinue the use of siren or lights if causing distress

Children Staff Paramedics Visitors	Overcrowding around the ambulance or equipment	• Organise children into small groups/rooms where appropriate • Maintain safe distances around the vehicle • Ensure staff supervise children closely to prevent pushing or climbing on the ambulance
Children	Contact with medical or ambulance equipment	• Equipment is only handled with the permission and supervision of the ambulance staff • Ambulance personnel demonstrate equipment use safely before children interact with it • Children are reminded to always follow instructions • Children are not permitted to handle equipment that is not intended for demonstration
Children Staff	Safeguarding concerns relating to visitors	• All visiting ambulance personnel report to setting entrance on arrival and sign in • Visitors remain supervised by nursery staff • Setting safeguarding and visitor procedures followed throughout visit • Visitors and expected time of arrival shared with setting staff
Children Staff	Medical emergency or accident	• Setting qualified paediatric first aider available throughout the visit • Stocked first aid kit readily available • Staff have access to children's medical information, medication and emergency contacts

Children Staff Paramedics Visitors	Adverse weather	• Check weather conditions before the visit • Adapt or relocate activity indoors where appropriate if conditions become unsafe • Ensure children wear appropriate clothing for the weather
Children Staff Paramedics	Infection control and hygiene	• Encourage handwashing after the handling of ambulance or medical equipment • Any equipment made available for children to handle should be clean as appropriate
Children Staff	Children entering or climbing into the ambulance	• Children only enter the ambulance with permission from ambulance crew and under the direct supervision of nursery staff • Children enter and exit safely and in small groups where appropriate • Staff supervise children when using the ambulance steps and handrails • Children are reminded to climb safely into the vehicle and not onto seats, equipment or any other parts not designed for climbing • Ambulance doors and equipment compartments are managed by ambulance personnel