



### **Executive Statement: Beechwood.**

At Beechwood, our mission is deeply rooted in our personal compassion, community, and the unwavering belief that every child deserves a safe and loving environment to grow and thrive. Founded by **Sohail Sheikh**, dedicated professional and father of three, our care home is more than just a place of support, it's our home.

Having been raised in a home where my mother provided foster care, I saw firsthand children who often had been impacted by circumstance, blossom again, regaining their light and purpose, becoming productive and striving to meet their potential and ambitions. The foundation, structure, care, support, respect and love they received being the inspiration for positivity and change.

These experiences planted a seed and desire within me to contribute in whichever way I could, as to me it is obvious that there is nothing more important and gratifying than assisting young lives in finding their direction and striving to reach their goals.

Many of the children my mother fostered often visit her, along with many of the young people she provided lodgings to, on occasion some reached out to me seeking advice or assistance, the ease and comfort it brings to these individuals reinforces the passion within me to become more directly involved in care.

I started full-time work relatively early at 19, in 1990 to support my young family, by the mid 90's I became a landlord providing homes to rent and sale for families and individuals, always ensuring these homes were of the highest possible standard and even better than my own. My experiences of the poor standards of accommodation available compelled me to want to provide the best. This has been my main work to date.

With my youngest child approaching adulthood a few years ago, I started to investigate how I could further provide service that would be beneficial to young people.

### **The Catalyst to Lumiere Homes Ltd.**

In February 2023, the Police contacted us with devastating and heart-breaking news, which had a profound impact on us all (please see article below).



[https://www.mylondon.news/news/zone-1-news/jealous-cheat-21-murdered-love-28684121?int\\_source=amp\\_continue\\_reading&int\\_medium=amp&int\\_campaign=continue\\_reading\\_button#amp-readmore-target](https://www.mylondon.news/news/zone-1-news/jealous-cheat-21-murdered-love-28684121?int_source=amp_continue_reading&int_medium=amp&int_campaign=continue_reading_button#amp-readmore-target)

Rafi had been introduced to our family years prior, finding a home at my mother's when he needed it most, and at the time was planning to move back in.

Over the years on occasion, we'd meet at my mothers, and I'd offer advice and/or assistance should he request it, Rafi referred to my mother as 'mum', as many do instead of Aunty.

The attack was unprovoked, and the young man who committed the crime was 19-20 at the time, and Rafi was 25.

Both Rafi and the perpetrator had interactions with social services and care over the years. As I said when interviewed for the article, there were no winners, just losers.

Rafi went into a coma moments after the attack. Understanding he had no family in the country I visited him daily and became the sole point of contact for everyone concerned, including his family abroad, the Doctors, friends, and the community.

Rafi passed away 3 weeks later, after relaying the Doctors' prognosis to Rafi's family, the Doctors and family agreed to switch the life support machines off. From that point I made funeral arrangements and became the lead contact between the Police and Rafi's family, friends and the community.

The whole experience, and listening to the details at court, the pointlessness of the incident and questions of how it could all have been avoided, left me deflated and I'd had no time to grieve, but nonetheless I became even more determined to make the most of the resources and opportunities I have to support as many young people as I possibly can.

I recognise my skill set and that we need to create a suitable home, and build a team that shares the same values, with the training, experience and qualifications to provide the best possible service.

I have interviewed many candidates, and am pleased to have onboard:



RI:

Sati has a NVQ Level 5 in Leadership and Management in children and young people obtained in 2017, NVQ Level 3 in health and social care obtained in 2014.

Sati is an experienced and dedicated professional with significant experience in Residential Children's care, she is a qualified train the trainer, she is a Reg 44 Independent Visitor, ensuring the quality of care and safeguarding of children in residential care.

Sati is competent in supporting Registered Managers in achieving high standard of care as well as providing guidance on operational and strategic decisions. Sati is competent in overseeing recruitment training, induction and staff development.

RM:

A dedicated, enthusiastic, and adaptable professional with extensive experience supporting children and young people with Emotional Behavioural Difficulties (EBD), Learning Disabilities, Autism Spectrum Disorder, mental health needs, and complex behavioural challenges. Skilled in leadership, staff development, safeguarding, and ensuring full compliance with Children's Homes Regulations 2015 and Quality Standards.

Frederick has a proven ability to create safe, nurturing, and child-centred environments where young people can thrive. He works collaboratively with staff teams, families, social workers, and external professionals to deliver high-quality, trauma-informed care.

We're all aligned in creating enriching spaces for children. With care that nurtures both emotional and intellectual growth.

We understand the need for child welfare, education, and the importance of stability in a young person's life.

Having **raised three children**, I know firsthand the challenges, joys, and responsibilities of guiding young minds. Their desire to **give back to the community** has led to the creation of Beechwood, where children can receive not just shelter, but a true sense of belonging, support, and love.



Our care home is built on **core values of security, opportunity, and personal growth**. We will work closely with families, educators, and social services to provide a holistic approach that nurtures confidence, independence, and resilience. Beyond meeting essential needs, we offer structured learning, mentorship, and emotional guidance to empower children to build bright futures.

At Beechwood, we believe in **community-driven care**, where every child is seen, heard, and given the tools to succeed. We are committed to **advocating for children's well-being**, fostering long-term stability, and ensuring that every young person in our care experiences the warmth and encouragement they deserve.