

UNREGULATED/UNREGISTERED PLACEMENT GUIDANCE

Unregulated Placements

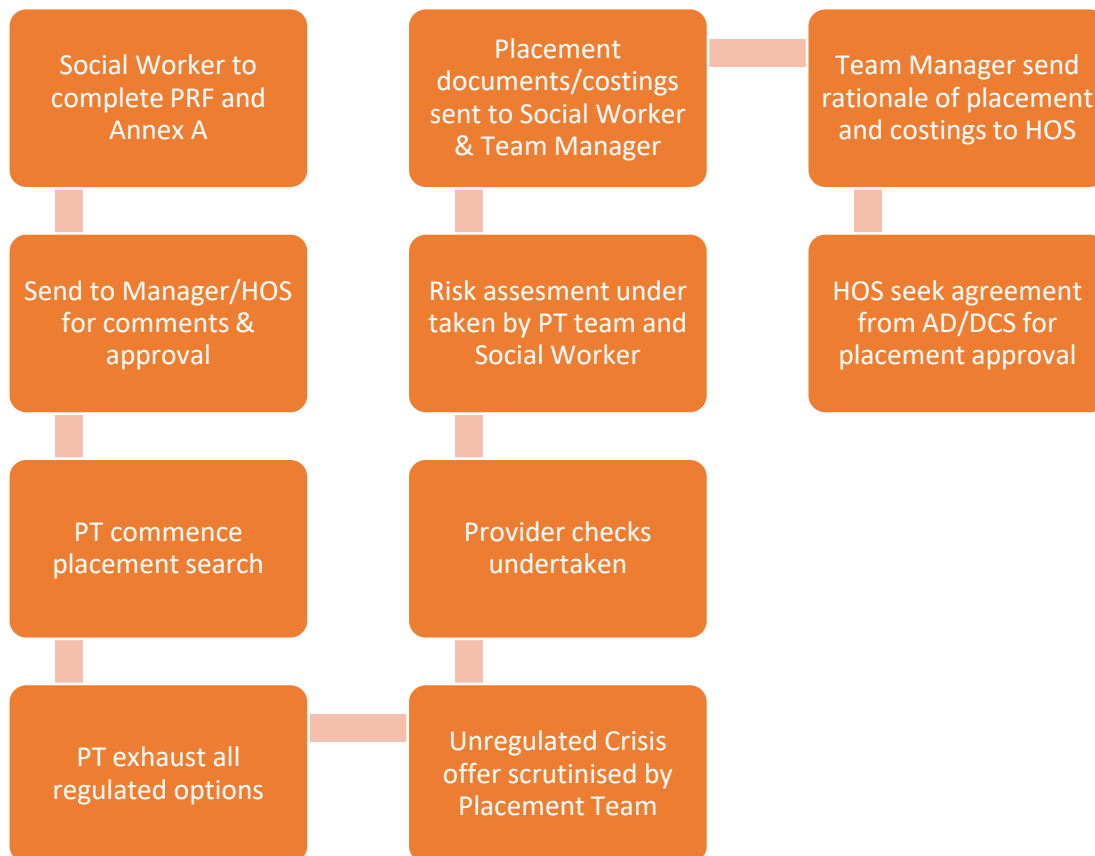
- Ofsted do not regulate providers who provide support to Young People (usually aged over 16) to live independently, for example in “supported accommodation”, rather than receiving full-time care.
- This type of provision gives a much higher level of independence to the Young People in comparison to young people living in a children’s home.
- A few indicators that the care provided is unregulated include: the young people can leave the premises without permission from the provider; the young people have control of their finances; and there are no sanctions policies for the young persons, apart from normal house rules and legal sanctions that would be imposed for an adult.
- There is a clear difference between providing support to children, compared to providing care.
- It is the duty of local authorities to ensure unregulated settings are suitable and providing beneficial functions to young people. To determine this an Annex A form must be completed to set out whether the Young Person has support or care needs

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- If an organisation is providing some form of care, alongside accommodation to young people, they must register with Ofsted as children’s home or with CQC unless it is a 28 day placement, eg holiday/crisis placement.
- Organisations may be committing a criminal offence by providing this service without registration. ‘Care’ is not defined, as a range of factors will determine whether or not providers are actually providing care to young person.

Care/Support being Provided	Type of Placement	If it should be regulated	Examples
CARE	MOBILE PLACEMENT	UNREGULATED	Barge/tent/Mobile Home/”Crisis” placement
CARE	STATIC PLACEMENT	REGULATED	Residential Childrens home/16+ with care needs
SUPPORT	STATIC PLACEMENT	UNREGULATED	16+ Placements such as Citizen In House SLP/Supported Accommodation that provide only support

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Placement Request form (PRF)

- Social Worker/PA to complete Annex A and Placement request form.
- Manager and HOS comments and approval given to commence search

PT identify placement

- Anonymised referral checked and sent by placement team to providers via placement portal/email.
- PT will exhaust all regulated options in line with care plan prior to considering an unregulated or crisis placement
- Any unregulated or crisis placement offer received will be scrutinised by PT in line with Ofsted guidance

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PT Complete provider checks on External Agencies

- Checks are made against the provider that is offering a placement including
 1. Location risk assessment
 2. Fire risk assessment and any other further H&S documentation deemed relevant
 3. Consultation with host authority
 4. References/feedback from West Midlands Quality Assurance Group
 5. Policy/Procedures required
 6. Provider response form completed
 7. Check placement portal for any warnings/QA visit feedback/reports

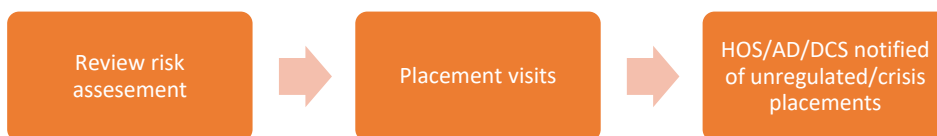
Risk assessment completed

- PT and Social Worker review information and complete risk assessment/safety plan based on provider checks and information on the child.
- Social Worker outlines how the risks and the needs of the Young Person will be managed and regular reviews and visits to placement

Approval for placement sought

- Safety Plan/risk assessment approved by Team Manager
- Funding request and rationale for placement sent to HOS via Team Manager
- HOS to consult with AD/DCS for unregulated/crisis placement

Reviewing the placement



- As per safety plan and risk assessment the Social Worker/Personal Advisor will visit placement within agreed time scales to review how it is meeting the needs and highlighting any concerns if they arise.
- Social work visits to be more frequent in an unregulated or crisis setting for the duration of the placement
- Inform HOS/AD/DCS of any updates in unregulated/crisis placements

Annex A – supported accommodation

This annex sets out criteria, which may be useful to a provider of accommodation to young people over the age of 16, to help identify whether the service being proposed or provided is 'supported accommodation' and would therefore not require the provider and manager to register under the Care Standards Act 2000, rather than a children's home, which would require the provider and manager to register.

The table below sets out each criteria in the form of a question, and suggests whether a 'yes' or 'no' answer means care is provided, or supported accommodation.

Please complete the table below by checking the boxes in accordance with the option received from the provider.

Childs Initials:

Completed by (SW Name):

Childs DOB:

Date:

Criteria	Yes?	No?
Can young people go out of the establishment without staff permission?	Supported accommodation <input type="checkbox"/>	Care <input type="checkbox"/>
Do young people have full control of their own finances?	Supported accommodation <input type="checkbox"/>	Care <input type="checkbox"/>
Do young people have control over what they wear and of the resources to buy clothes?	Supported accommodation <input type="checkbox"/>	Care <input type="checkbox"/>
Are young people in charge of meeting all of their health needs, including such things as arranging GP or specialist health care appointments? Are young people in full control of their medication?	Supported accommodation (note that young people may ask for advice and help on their health, but if decisions rest with the young person, the establishment is not providing care.) <input type="checkbox"/>	Care <input type="checkbox"/>

Do staff have any access to any medical records?	Care <input type="checkbox"/>	Supported accommodation <input type="checkbox"/>
Can young people choose to stay away overnight?	Supported accommodation (note that being expected to tell someone if they are going to be away overnight does not indicate providing care, but needing to ask someone's permission does.) <input type="checkbox"/>	Care <input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a sanctions policy that goes beyond house rules and legal sanctions that would be imposed on any adult?	Care <input type="checkbox"/>	Supported accommodation <input type="checkbox"/>
If the establishment accommodates both adults and young people, do those under 18 have any different supervision, support, facilities or restrictions?	Care <input type="checkbox"/>	Supported accommodation <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there regularly significant periods of time when young people are on the premises with no direct staff supervision?	Supported accommodation <input type="checkbox"/>	Care <input type="checkbox"/>
Do staff have any responsibility for aftercare once a young person has left?	Care (note that some supported accommodation services will offer some support to help young people get established in their next accommodation – this is not care.) <input type="checkbox"/>	Supported accommodation <input type="checkbox"/>

Does the establishment's literature promise the provision of care or relate to specific care support provided to all residents?	Care <input type="checkbox"/>	Supported accommodation <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the establishment provide or commission a specialist support service, which forms part of the main function of the establishment?	Care <input type="checkbox"/>	Supported accommodation <input type="checkbox"/>