**Practice Note - Management Oversight required for Unregulated Cases**

All cases where a child’s placement is unregulated require recorded management oversight by the TM/OM (child’s case), IRO for the child, and TM/OM (IFA carer).

There should be weekly review and management oversight recorded until the placement becomes regulated.

The management oversight should be recorded as a case note within case recording, and should be recorded as a ‘Management Oversight Review’ (unless an IRO – where it should be ‘IRO activity’).

It is essential that each of the 3 services work collaboratively together, talk to each other, and are aware of the each other’s roles and responsibilities when children become looked after (particularly when in connected carer placements), and when children’s placements are unregulated.

* Role of the child’s SW
* Role of the IFA Assessing SW and Supervising SW
* Role of the IRO

The recorded management oversight/IRO activity should be brief and focussed, and if applicable cover;

* Brief background – present situation, how the children became placed in the unregulated placement, how are they doing in their placement (utilise/reference the unregulated notification signed by the Director),
* Key documents and dates to regulation – date schedule 4 signed off, reg 25 sign off, panel approval (as applicable)
* Why the placement is/remains unregulated, and what is being done to regulate it, the timescale to regulation.
* What needs to be done whilst the placement remains unregulated - how the risk will be managed, what is the risk mgt plan, has the risk changed (reduced/escalated) – be really clear about who is doing what, when and how. How often and why will the child be visited.
* What is the contingency plan if concerns escalate, how will it be known.
* Evidence any joint working required – don’t forget to link in and liaise with child’s SW/Care SW/IRO
* IRO view – has this been obtained, what is their view against the risk plan, what are they doing about it.
* IRO recording – what is the IRO view about the unregulated placement, has the plan been scrutinised, is escalation required (DRP), does review need to be brought forward.

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