

MANAGEMENT ACTION NOTE 11: Children (16-18) placed in adult settings registered with Care Quality Commission

Context

Children in our care should always be accommodated in a provision designated for children for example, foster care, residential and semi supported living. Our care planning for children should be effective, with ongoing verification that provider care plans are person centred and agreed by children, representatives and keyworkers.

Following a Serious Adult Safeguarding Review in the South West, we have been asked to strengthen our response to children (16-18) who, in exceptional circumstances are placed in a registered Care Quality Commission CQC adult setting. In the event of this, the following actions must take place.

Actions Agreed	Manager Responsible
<p>1. Upon a CQC adult setting being identified for a child and before the placement is made, the following should be explored as part of the matching and compatibility of the child to this setting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Local intelligence relating to the provision including making use of CQC inspection reports, contracting arrangements and information from other local authorities using that provision to support and understand joint working. b) Suitability of the care and support service to enable the child to access local primary, community and secondary health care and any required specialised support in that area. c) Consideration should be given to the compatibility of the needs of the people already living at the setting with those of the individual being considered for that service. Any increase in risk to all individuals must be considered as part of this compatibility assessment. 	<p>Social Worker Team Manager Area Manager Placement Teams Commissioning Team</p>
<p>2. Prior to the placement being made, the Deputy Chief Officer must be notified and provided with a written summary as to how the proposed setting will meet the child's needs. Any agreement for this arrangement must be provided in writing by the Deputy Chief Officer.</p>	<p>Head of Children's Social Care (Deputy Chief Officer)</p>
<p>3. Where the child has been placed in a registered CQC adult setting outside of their local authority, an out of area</p>	<p>Social Worker Team Manager</p>

<p>notification must be made to the host authority in writing including the prospective service arrangements and the provider organisation involved.</p>	
<p>4. Ofsted and Care Quality Commission (CQC) must both be notified. Both should be informed of the reasons for this placement and arrangements for monitoring safety</p>	<p>Senior Manager responsible for corporate parenting</p>
<p>5. The provider must also inform Ofsted and Care Quality Commission (CQC) and provide evidence of this to Commissioning.</p>	<p>Head of Commissioning: Fiona Fleming</p>
<p>6. The agreement by the Deputy Chief Officer and the notification to Ofsted should be placed on the child's Eclipse record.</p>	<p>Team Managers, Social Worker</p>
<p>7. All efforts to identify a child setting should continue and be kept under review by the Area Manager and Senior Manager responsible for the child.</p>	<p>Area Manager and Senior Manager</p>
<p>8. While alternative child setting is being identified, the social worker should undertake the following during their statutory visits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Speak with the child in depth about their experience at the setting and undertake a period of observation of interactions and care provided during the statutory visit b) Maintain professional curiosity throughout and when visiting the setting, gain evidence that care is effective, high quality and evidence based. c) Social workers should never assume that a service is providing specialist care because of the way it describes itself. d) Where concerns arise, these should be reported to the CQC and host authority in addition to statutory safeguarding procedures being followed. 	<p>Social Worker Team Manager</p>
<p>For further information see Advice Note for Directors of Adult Social Services: Commissioning Out of Area Care and Support Services</p>	

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