
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015

PART 2

Quality standards and related matters

CHAPTER 1

Quality standards

The quality and purpose of care standard

- 6.—(1) The quality and purpose of care standard is that children receive care from staff who—
- (a) understand the children's home's overall aims and the outcomes it seeks to achieve for children;
 - (b) use this understanding to deliver care that meets children's needs and supports them to fulfil their potential.
- (2) In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to—
- (a) understand and apply the home's statement of purpose;
 - (b) ensure that staff—
 - (i) understand and apply the home's statement of purpose;
 - (ii) protect and promote each child's welfare;
 - (iii) treat each child with dignity and respect;
 - (iv) provide personalised care that meets each child's needs, as recorded in the child's relevant plans, taking account of the child's background;
 - (v) help each child to understand and manage the impact of any experience of abuse or neglect;
 - (vi) help each child to develop resilience and skills that prepare the child to return home, to live in a new placement or to live independently as an adult;
 - (vii) provide to children living in the home the physical necessities they need in order to live there comfortably;
 - (viii) provide to children personal items that are appropriate for their age and understanding; and
 - (ix) make decisions about the day-to-day arrangements for each child, in accordance with the child's relevant plans, which give the child an appropriate degree of freedom and choice;
 - (c) ensure that the premises used for the purposes of the home are designed and furnished so as to—
 - (i) meet the needs of each child; and
 - (ii) enable each child to participate in the daily life of the home; and

- (d) ensure that any care that is arranged or provided for a child that—
 - (i) relates to the child’s development (within the meaning of section 17(11) of the Children Act 1989) or health; and
 - (ii) is not arranged or provided as part of the health service continued under section 1(1) of the National Health Service Act 2006⁽¹⁾,satisfies the conditions in paragraph (3).
- (3) The conditions are—
 - (a) that the care is approved, and kept under review throughout its duration, by the placing authority;
 - (b) that the care meets the child’s needs;
 - (c) that the care is delivered by a person who—
 - (i) has the experience, knowledge and skills to deliver that care; and
 - (ii) is under the supervision of a person who is appropriately skilled and qualified to supervise that care; and
 - (d) that the registered person keeps the child’s general medical practitioner informed, as necessary, about the progress of the care throughout its duration.

(1) 2006 c.41. Section 1 of the National Health Service Act 2006 was substituted by section 1 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c.7).