

APPENDIX 1

Applications for Childrens' Care Homes

Supplementary Information

Questions Answered

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Care Homes for Young People - Some Questions Answered

- **What would be the needs of the children to be placed in the home. e.g. would they suffer from physical disabilities, mental health issues, established behavioural problems, or would they simply be vulnerable young people?** The children would indeed be vulnerable young people. The only criteria is that they have been taken into care by the Social Services Authority. This could come about purely because they have had to be taken from their parents, or indeed that they have no parents and nobody who could provide them with a home. There could be children with particular problems, as there could be in any family dwellinghouse, but that is not why the children are selected. Children with particular problems such as severe behavioural problems would actually not be suitable for this proposed home, and they would come under a different regime
- **Would the children attend local schools or be educated within the home?** They would attend schools in the normal way.
- **Would they require visiting medical practitioners, therapists, teachers?** They would not require visiting medical practitioners to any greater degree than children in a "normal" dwellinghouse, and as noted above they would attend school in the normal way.
- **Would the parents or family of the children visit the home?** Depending on the care plan of the child, if allowed to see family or relatives this can be supported within the home under supervision at all times.
- **Would ambulances (emergency or otherwise) be likely to visit the property on a regular basis?** Ambulances would attend as and when necessary, but the children would generally not have conditions requiring this on a regular basis (although it could occur as it could occur with a dwellinghouse). There is no reason to believe that the children will have atypical medical needs
- **If the children have mental health or behavioural problems, on what basis would they be allowed to leave the property?** The home proposed is not a secure home as that would be Class C2(a). Children would play out, or leave the home, in the same way as they would in a family. There would be a proper level of supervision because there would always be members of staff on site.
- **How would the staff rotas work, and when would shift change-over times fall?** There will always be 2 staff on shift supported by the home manager, who are also on call for the home when they are not in the children's home. Typical shifts would be Day 8-11pm, Night 10pm-8am