
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015

PART 2

Quality standards and related matters

CHAPTER 2

Matters related to the quality standards

Placement plan for a child who is not looked after

18.—(1) This regulation applies to a child who is not looked after by a local authority.

(2) If the child is placed in a children's home by a voluntary organisation, the registered person must co-operate with the voluntary organisation in agreeing and signing the child's placement plan prepared under regulations 4 and 5 of the Arrangements for Placement of Children by Voluntary Organisations and Others (England) Regulations 2011 ("the 2011 Regulations").

(3) Paragraphs (4) to (9) apply if—

- (a) the child is not placed in a home by a voluntary organisation; and
- (b) the registered provider is not required to prepare a placement plan for the child under regulations 4 and 5 of the 2011 Regulations.

(4) The registered person must prepare a placement plan for the child before the child is admitted to the home or, if that is not reasonably practicable, as soon as possible after the child is admitted to the home.

(5) The placement plan must set out, in particular—

- (a) how, on a day-to-day basis, the child will be cared for, and the child's welfare safeguarded and promoted by the home;
- (b) the arrangements made for the child's care, education and health; and
- (c) any arrangements made for contact with the child's parents, relatives and friends.

(6) The registered person must consult the child's placing authority when preparing the placement plan.

(7) The registered person must keep under review and revise the placement plan as necessary.

(8) In preparing or reviewing the placement plan the registered person must—

- (a) so far as reasonably practicable, having regard to the child's age and understanding, seek and take account of the child's views, wishes and feelings; and
- (b) if the child is a youth justice child, have regard to any other plan or plans prepared by the youth justice child's placing authority in relation to the remand or sentencing of the youth justice child.

(9) The registered person must so far as is reasonably practicable—

- (a) ensure that the placement plan is consistent with any plan for the child's care prepared by the child's placing authority; and
- (b) comply with requests made by the child's placing authority to—
 - (i) provide the placing authority with information relating to the child; and
 - (ii) provide a suitable representative to attend any meeting the placing authority may hold about the child.