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RISK MANAGEMENT		

Good Practice Aims

Prior to accepting any referral, it is good practice for all young people to be visited and themselves to visit the home. This is part of the risk assessment process and enables both parties to make informed decisions about a possible placement.

It is important during this process that all difficult behaviours that a young person has been known to exhibit are examined. Particular attention must be paid to information contained in LAC forms, case history and the notes of the last review. The reasons for any breakdown in previous placements will also be an important factor in our assessment.

Review of quality of care

In the residential homes the home manager must have a system in place which allows the completion of a monitoring report at least once every 6 months. The report should focus on the quality of the care provided; the experiences of the resident young people and the impact of the care provided in producing positive outcomes and improvements and be underpinned by the Quality Standards.

The home manager should determine the focus of the report but any area of high risk prevalent at the time of writing must be included and the details of the actions being taken to eliminate or reduce the risk detailed. The report should be used as a 'living tool' for continuous improvement going forward.

Risk Assessments

It is essential that the risks associated with every young person are identified and ways to remove or reduce these are determined. In order to achieve this, an initial basic risk assessment must be completed following admission (please see Appendix 1).

For every area for which a risk is identified a detailed assessment must be carried out and should be reviewed on an at least monthly basis and more frequently if a related incident occurs or a matter of concern becomes evident. (Please see Appendix 2).

Appendix 1 - Basic Risk Assessment Form

BASIC RISK ASSESSMENT			
Name of Young Person:		DOB:	DOA:
Name of Assessor:		Date of Assessment:	Legal Status:
Name of Social Worker:		Name of IRO:	

CURRENT RISK INDICATORS:		Yes/No	Date of Initial Full Risk Assessment	Date(s) Reviewed
Health	Any issues re health/needs, medication, special diets, allergies etc?			
Sexual Health	Any issues re STDs or contraception/safer sex practices?			
Substance Misuse	Any incidents of substance misuse?			
Crime	Any involvement in criminal activity/involvement with YOS?			
Education	Any issues in relation to education - non- attendance; non engagement etc?			
Self-Harm	Any issues relating to self-harm - attempted suicide; cutting; biting etc?			
Running Away	Any incidents of running away/absconding/associating with others who pose a danger?			
Harmful to Others	Any history of sexualised or violent behaviour; making allegations; bullying?			
Harm from Others	Any history of being abused or bullied in the past; over affectionate with strangers; at risk of sexual exploitation?			
Contact	Any restrictions on contact; special arrangements for contact?			
Fire Starting	Any incidents of fire starting/arson attacks?			
Behaviour Management	Any issues connected to behaviour management?			
Other Issues (please state)				

Appendix 2 - Detailed Risk Assessment Form

DETAILED RISK ASSESSMENT FORM		
Risk Assessment Relating to:		
Name of Young Person:	DOB:	DOA:
Name of Assessor:	Date of Initial Assessment:	Legal Status:
Name of Social Worker:	Name of IRO:	

Date	Nature of Risk	When did it last happen	Likelihood of occurrence	Triggers	How to manage risk / Protective Measures	When to apply / By whom?	What doesn't work?	Outcome

Location Assessments

Location Assessments are undertaken by SJD Homes to ensure that young people's safety, wellbeing, and personal development needs are best supported.

Location assessments take into account any positive features in a local community that would offer benefits to young people living in a resource provided by SJD Homes. For example, assessments include evidence about education, health and dental services, opportunities for young people to participate in leisure, sporting or cultural activities, or links with services that could support the child's ethnic or religious identity. Location assessments will always take into account local employment and training opportunities and the quality of local public transport links.

As part of a Location Assessment SJD Homes undertakes a location risk assessment in order to ascertain risks that might exist in the neighborhood and surrounding areas of the home and to consider what actions and with what agencies to take to address these/maintain the safety and wellbeing of the young people, staff



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