
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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PART 2

Quality standards and related matters

CHAPTER 1

Quality standards

The care planning standard

- 14.**—(1) The care planning standard is that children—
- (a) receive effectively planned care in or through the children's home; and
 - (b) have a positive experience of arriving at or moving on from the home.
- (2) In particular, the standard in paragraph (1) requires the registered person to ensure—
- (a) that children are admitted to the home only if their needs are within the range of needs of children for whom it is intended that the home is to provide care and accommodation, as set out in the home's statement of purpose;
 - (b) that arrangements are in place to—
 - (i) ensure the effective induction of each child into the home;
 - (ii) manage and review the placement of each child in the home; and
 - (iii) plan for, and help, each child to prepare to leave the home or to move into adult care in a way that is consistent with arrangements agreed with the child's placing authority;
 - (c) that each child's relevant plans are followed;
 - (d) that, subject to regulation 22 (contact and access to communications), contact between each child and the child's parents, relatives and friends, is promoted in accordance with the child's relevant plans;
 - (e) that the child's placing authority is contacted, and a review of that child's relevant plans is requested, if—
 - (i) the registered person considers that the child is at risk of harm or has concerns that the care provided for the child is inadequate to meet the child's needs;
 - (ii) the child is, or has been, persistently absent from the home without permission; or
 - (iii) the child requests a review of the child's relevant plans; and
 - (f) that staff help each child to access and contribute to the records kept by the registered person in relation to the child.