
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

Behaviour management and discipline

19.—(1) No measure of control or discipline which is excessive, unreasonable or contrary to paragraph (2) may be used in relation to any child.

(2) The following measures may not be used to discipline any child—

- (a) any form of corporal punishment;
 - (b) any punishment involving the consumption or deprivation of food or drink;
 - (c) any restriction, other than one imposed by a court or in accordance with regulation 22 (contact and access to communications), on—
 - (i) a child's contact with parents, relatives or friends;
 - (ii) visits to the child by the child's parents, relatives or friends;
 - (iii) a child's communications with any persons listed in regulation 22(1) (contact and access to communications); or
 - (iv) a child's access to any internet-based or telephone helpline providing counselling for children;
 - (d) the use or withholding of medication, or medical or dental treatment;
 - (e) the intentional deprivation of sleep;
 - (f) imposing a financial penalty, other than a requirement for the payment of a reasonable sum (which may be by instalments) by way of reparation;
 - (g) any intimate physical examination;
 - (h) withholding any aids or equipment needed by a disabled child;
 - (i) any measure involving a child imposing any measure against another child; or
 - (j) any measure involving punishing a group of children for the behaviour of an individual child.
- (3) Nothing in this regulation prohibits—
- (a) the taking of any action by, or in accordance with the instructions of, a registered medical practitioner or a registered dental practitioner which is necessary to protect the health of the child; or

- (b) taking any action that is necessary to prevent injury to any person or serious damage to property.