
WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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SOCIAL CARE, WALES
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS, WALES

The Children's Homes (Wales) Regulations 2002

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The National Assembly for Wales in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sections 1(4), 22(1), (2)(a) to (d), (f) to (j), (5)(a) and (c), (7)(a) to (h), (j), (8)(c), 25(1), 33, 34(1), 35, 118(5) to (7) of the Care Standards Act 2000(1) and having consulted such persons as it considers appropriate(2), hereby makes the following Regulations:

PART 1
GENERAL

Citation, commencement and application

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Children's Homes (Wales) Regulations 2002 and shall come into force on 1st April 2002.

(2) These Regulations apply in relation to children's homes in Wales.

Commencement Information

II [Reg. 1](#) in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“the Act” (“*y Ddeddf*”) means the Care Standards Act 2000;

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- (1) [2000 c. 14](#). The powers are exercisable by the appropriate Minister, who is defined in section 121(1), in relation to England, Scotland and Northern Ireland, as the Secretary of State, and in relation to Wales, as the National Assembly for Wales. “Prescribed” and “regulations” are defined in section 121(1) of the Act.
- (2) See section 22(9) of the Act for the requirement to consult.

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“the 1989 Act” (“*Deddf 1989*”) means the Children Act 1989⁽³⁾;

“appropriate office” (“*swyddfa briodol*”) means in relation to a children’s home—

- (a) if an office has been specified under regulation 42 for the area in which the children’s home is situated, that office;
- (b) in any other case, any office of the National Assembly;

“child protection enquiry” (“*ymchwiliad amddiffyn plant*”) means any enquiry carried out by a local authority in the exercise of any of its functions conferred by or under the 1989 Act relating to the protection of children;

“children’s guide” (“*arweiniad plant*”) means the guide referred to in regulation 4;

“foster parent” (“*rhiant maeth*”) shall be construed in accordance with section 1(7) of the Act;

“general practitioner” (“*ymarferydd cyffredinol*”) means a registered medical practitioner who—

- (a) provides general medical services under Part II of the National Health Service Act 1977⁽⁴⁾,
- (b) performs personal medical services in connection with a pilot scheme under the National Health Service (Primary Care) Act 1997⁽⁵⁾; or
- (c) provides services which correspond to services provided under Part II of the National Health Service Act 1977, otherwise than in pursuance of that Act;

[^{F1}“link worker” (“*gweithiwr dolen gyswllt*”) means a member of children’s home staff of appropriate seniority with particular responsibility for protecting and promoting the health and educational welfare of an individual child and for liaison with education and health care providers on that child’s behalf ;]

“National Assembly” (“*Cynulliad Cenedlaethol*”) means the National Assembly for Wales;

“organisation” (“*corff*”), other than in regulation 17(6) where the term shall be construed in accordance with the purpose of the provision in which it is used, means a body corporate;

[^{F1}“permanent employee” (“*cyflogai parhaol*”) means a person employed full or part time by the registered person, including persons employed on a temporary contract of service for a fixed term of not less than six months;]

“placement plan” (“*cynllun lleoliad*”) means the plan referred to in regulation 12;

“placing authority” (“*awdurdod lleoli*”) in relation to a child accommodated in a children’s home means—

- (a) in the case of a child who is looked after by a local authority, that local authority;
- (b) in the case of a child who is not looked after by a local authority—
 - (i) if he is being provided with accommodation by a voluntary organisation⁽⁶⁾, that voluntary organisation;
 - (ii) if he is accommodated in a qualifying school under arrangements made by a local education authority or a local authority, that local education authority or local authority as the case may be;
 - (iii) in any other case, the child’s parent;

“qualifying school” (“*ysgol gymwys*”) means a school which is a children’s home within the meaning of section 1(6) of the Act;

(3) 1989 c. 41.

(4) 1977 c. 49.

(5) 1997 c. 46.

(6) Section 59 of the 1989 Act governs the provision of accommodation for children by voluntary organisations.

“registered dental practitioner” (“*ymarferydd deintyddol cofrestredig*”) means a person registered in the dentists register kept under the Dentists Act 1984(7);

“registered manager” (“*rheolwr cofrestredig*”), in relation to a children’s home, means the person who is registered under Part II of the Act as the manager of that home;

“registered person” (“*person cofrestredig*”), in relation to a children’s home, means any person who is the registered provider or the registered manager of the home;

“registered provider” (“*darparydd cofrestredig*”), in relation to a children’s home, means a person who is registered under Part II of the Act as the person carrying on that home(8);

[^{F1}“relevant qualification” (“*cymhwyster perthnasol*”) means a qualification contained in a list maintained by the National Assembly for the purpose of these Regulations;]

“responsible individual” (“*unigolyn cyfrifol*”) has the meaning given to it in regulation 6; and

“statement of purpose” (“*datganiad o ddiben*”) means the statement referred to in regulation 4.

(2) In these Regulations, a reference—

- (a) to a numbered regulation or Schedule is to the regulation in, or Schedule to, these Regulations bearing that number;
- (b) in a regulation or Schedule to a numbered paragraph, is to the paragraph in that regulation or Schedule bearing that number;
- (c) in a paragraph to a lettered or numbered sub-paragraph is to the sub-paragraph in that paragraph bearing that letter or number.

(3) In these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears, references to employing a person include—

- (a) employing a person whether or not for payment;
- (b) employing a person under a contract of service or a contract for services; and
- (c) allowing a person to work as a volunteer;

and references to an employee or to a person being employed shall be construed accordingly.

(4) In these Regulations a reference to a person working at a children’s home shall be taken to include a reference to a person working for the purposes of a children’s home.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in [reg. 2](#) inserted (1.7.2007) by [The Children’s Homes \(Wales\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/311\)](#), [regs. 1\(1\), 2\(3\)](#)

Commencement Information

- I2** [Reg. 2](#) in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Establishments which are not children’s homes

3.—(1) For the purposes of the Act, any establishment falling within any of the following descriptions is excepted from being a children’s home—

- (a) an institution within the further education sector as defined by section 91(3) of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992(9);

(7) [1984 c. 24](#).

(8) *See* section 121(6) to (8) for provision about the persons who are taken to carry on and manage a community home which is provided by a voluntary organisation.

(9) [1992 c. 13](#).

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- (b) subject to paragraph (2), an establishment used to accommodate children only for the purposes of any one or more of the following—
 - (i) a holiday;
 - (ii) a leisure, recreational, sporting, cultural or educational activity;
 so long as no one child is accommodated there for more than 28 days in any twelve month period;
- (c) subject to paragraph (2), premises at which a person provides day care within the meaning of section 79A(6) of the 1989 Act, unless paragraph (3) applies;
- (d) subject to paragraph (2), an establishment used to accommodate children aged 16 and over only for the purposes of any one or more of the following—
 - (i) to enable the children to undergo training or an apprenticeship;
 - (ii) a holiday;
 - (iii) a leisure, recreational, sporting, cultural or educational activity;
- (e) any approved bail hostel or approved probation hostel⁽¹⁰⁾;
- (f) any institution provided for young offenders under or by virtue of section 43(1) of the Prison Act 1952⁽¹¹⁾.

(2) The exceptions in paragraph (1)(b), (c) and (d) do not apply to any establishment whose provision of accommodation is wholly or mainly for children of a description falling within section 3(2) of the Act⁽¹²⁾.

(3) This paragraph applies to premises described in paragraph 1(c) if in any 12 month period there are 28 or more periods of 24 hours during which more than 15 hours of day care are provided in relation to any one child (whether or not that child is aged under eight), and for the purposes of this paragraph no day care shall be taken to be provided when a child is in the care of his or her parent, relative or foster parent.

Commencement Information

I3 Reg. 3 in force at 1.4.2002, see reg. 1(1)

Statement of purpose and children's guide

4.—(1) The registered person shall compile in relation to the children's home a statement written on paper which shall consist of a statement as to the matters listed in Schedule 1 ("the statement of purpose").

(2) The registered person shall provide a copy of the statement of purpose to the appropriate office of the National Assembly and shall make a copy of it available upon request for inspection at any reasonable time by—

- (a) any person who works at the children's home;
- (b) any child accommodated in the children's home;

⁽¹⁰⁾ See section 9(2) of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 (c. 43).

⁽¹¹⁾ 1952 c. 52. Amended by section 170(1) of and paragraphs 11 and 12 of Schedule 15, and Schedule 16, to the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (c. 33); sections 5(2), 18(3) and 168(3) of and Schedule 11 to, the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 (c. 33); section 119 of, and paragraph 6 of Schedule 8 to, the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (c. 37); and section 165(1) of, and paragraph 5 of Schedule 9 to, the Powers of the Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000 (c. 6). Subsection 1(a) of the 1952 Act is to be repealed by sections 59 and 75 of, and Schedule 8 to, the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 (c. 43) on a date to be appointed.

⁽¹²⁾ Section 3(2) of the Act refers to persons who are or have been ill; who have or have had a mental disorder; who are disabled or infirm; and who are or have been dependent on alcohol or drugs.

- (c) subject to paragraph (3), the parent of any child accommodated in the children's home;
- (d) the placing authority of any child accommodated in the home; and
- (e) in the case of a qualifying school, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales, and any person exercising a function of the National Assembly under the education legislation in relation to the school;

and in this paragraph references to a child who is accommodated in the children's home includes a child in respect of whom accommodation in the children's home is being considered.

(3) The registered person shall not comply with paragraph 2(c) in relation to a child if there is a court order that restricts or limits contact between the child and his or her parent and it is necessary to restrict the availability of the statement, or any part of it, for the purpose of safeguarding or promoting the welfare of the child.

(4) In this regulation 'education legislation' means the Education Acts (as defined by section 578 of the Education Act 1996(13)).

(5) The registered person shall produce a guide to the children's home in a form appropriate to the age, understanding and communication needs of the children to be accommodated in the home ("the children's guide") which shall include—

- (a) a summary of the home's statement of purpose;
- (b) a summary of the complaints procedure established under regulation 24;
- (c) the address and telephone number of the appropriate office of the National Assembly and of an office of the Children's Commissioner for Wales.

(6) The registered person shall—

- (a) provide a copy of the first children's guide to the appropriate office of the National Assembly;
- (b) provide a copy of the current version of the children's guide to each child and to the child's placing authority when the child is first accommodated in the home; and
- (c) subsequent to the provision described in sub-paragraph (b) provide further copies at the request of the child or the placing authority.

(7) Subject to paragraph (8) the registered person shall ensure that the children's home is at all times conducted in a manner which is consistent with its statement of purpose.

(8) Nothing in paragraph (7) or in regulation 30(1) shall require or authorise the registered person to contravene or not comply with—

- (a) any other provision of these Regulations; or
- (b) the conditions for the time being in force in relation to the registration of the registered person under Part II of the Act.

Commencement Information

I4 [Reg. 4](#) in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Review of the statement of purpose and children's guide

5.—(1) The registered person shall—

- (a) keep under review and, subject to compliance with paragraph (2), where appropriate revise the statement of purpose and the children's guide; and

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(b) if the children’s guide is revised, supply a revised copy to each child accommodated in the home.

(2) The registered person shall, whenever practicable, notify the appropriate office of the National Assembly of any revision to be made to the statement of purpose at least 28 days before it is to take effect.

Commencement Information

I5 Reg. 5 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

PART II

REGISTERED PERSONS

Fitness of registered provider

6.—(1) A person shall not carry on a children’s home unless fit to do so.

(2) A person is not fit to carry on a children’s home unless the person—

(a) is an individual who satisfies the requirements set out in paragraph (3); or

(b) is an organisation and—

(i) it has given notice to the appropriate office of the National Assembly of the name, address and position in the organisation of an individual (in these Regulations referred to as “the responsible individual”) who is a director, manager, secretary or other officer of the organisation and is responsible for supervising the management of the children’s home; and

(ii) that individual satisfies the requirements set out in paragraph (3).

(3) The requirements are that—

(a) he or she is of suitable integrity and good character to carry on, or (as the case may be) be responsible for supervising the management of, the children’s home;

(b) he or she is physically and mentally fit to carry on, or (as the case may be) be responsible for supervising the management of, the children’s home; and

[^{F2}(c) full and satisfactory information or documentation, as the case may be, is available in relation to the person in respect of each of the matters specified in paragraphs 1 to 5 and 6 of Schedule 2.]

^{F3}(4)

(5) A person is not fit to carry on a children’s home if—

(a) he or she has been adjudged bankrupt or sequestration of his or her estate has been awarded and (in either case) he or she has not been discharged and the bankruptcy order has not been annulled or rescinded; or

(b) he or she has made a composition or arrangement with his creditors and has not been discharged in respect of it.

Textual Amendments

- F2** Reg. 6(3)(c) substituted (12.10.2009) by [The Children Act 1989, Care Standards Act 2000 and Adoption and Children Act 2002 \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2009 \(S.I. 2009/2541\)](#), regs. 1(1), **6(2)(a)**
- F3** Reg. 6(4) omitted (12.10.2009) by virtue of [The Children Act 1989, Care Standards Act 2000 and Adoption and Children Act 2002 \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2009 \(S.I. 2009/2541\)](#), regs. 1(1), **6(2)(b)**

Commencement Information

- I6** [Reg. 6](#) in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Appointment of manager

- 7.—(1) The registered provider shall appoint an individual to manage the children's home if—
- (a) there is no registered manager in respect of the children's home; and
 - (b) the registered provider—
 - (i) is an organisation;
 - (ii) is not a fit person to manage a children's home; or
 - (iii) is not, or does not intend to be, in full-time day to day charge of the children's home.
- (2) Where the registered provider appoints a person to manage the children's home, he shall forthwith give notice to the appropriate office of the National Assembly of—
- (a) the name of the person so appointed; and
 - (b) the date on which the appointment is to take effect.
- (3) If the registered provider is to manage the home he or she shall forthwith give notice to the appropriate office of the National Assembly of the date on which such management is to begin.

Commencement Information

- I7** [Reg. 7](#) in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Fitness of manager

- 8.—(1) A person shall not manage a children's home unless he or she is fit to do so.
- (2) A person is not fit to manage a children's home unless—
- (a) he or she is of suitable integrity and good character to manage the children's home;
 - (b) having regard to the size of the children's home, its statement of purpose, and the number and needs (including any needs arising from any disability) of the children accommodated there—
 - (i) he or she has the qualifications, skills and experience necessary to manage the children's home; and
 - (ii) he or she is physically and mentally fit to manage the children's home; and
- [^{F4}(c) full and satisfactory information or documentation, as the case may be, is available in relation to the person in respect of each of the matters specified in paragraphs 1 to 6 of Schedule 2.]

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[^{F5}(2A) Subject to paragraph (2B) and (2C), a reference to qualifications and experience in paragraph (2)(b)(i) includes a requirement that he or she must—

- (a) hold a relevant qualification; and
- (b) have worked for not less than five years in the field of children’s residential care.

(2B) Where a manager who does not hold a relevant qualification was appointed before 1 July 2007 that person is not fit to manage a children’s home unless he or she obtains a relevant qualification not later than—

- (a) 1 November 2007; or
- (b) such later date as the National Assembly may, in exceptional circumstances, agree .

(2C) Paragraph (2A)(b) does not apply in relation to a manager appointed before 1 July 2007.

(2D) Nothing in paragraphs (2A), to (2C) affects any requirement for a manager to possess other qualifications, skills or experience relevant to the matters set out in paragraph (2)(b).

[^{F6}(2E) A person is not fit to manage a children’s home unless he or she is registered as a manager with the Care Council for Wales.]]

^{F7}(3)

Textual Amendments

- F4** Reg. 8(2)(c) substituted (12.10.2009) by [The Children Act 1989, Care Standards Act 2000 and Adoption and Children Act 2002 \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2009](#) (S.I. 2009/2541), regs. 1(1), **6(3)(a)**
- F5** Reg. 8(2A)-(2E) inserted (1.7.2007) by [The Children’s Homes \(Wales\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2007](#) (S.I. 2007/311), regs. 1(1), **2(4)**
- F6** Reg. 8(2E) substituted (12.10.2009) by [The Children Act 1989, Care Standards Act 2000 and Adoption and Children Act 2002 \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2009](#) (S.I. 2009/2541), regs. 1(1), **6(3)(b)**
- F7** Reg. 8(3) omitted (12.10.2009) by virtue of [The Children Act 1989, Care Standards Act 2000 and Adoption and Children Act 2002 \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2009](#) (S.I. 2009/2541), regs. 1(1), **6(3)(c)**

Commencement Information

- I8** Reg. 8 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Registered person — general requirements

9.—(1) The registered provider and the registered manager shall, having regard to—

- (a) the size of the children’s home;
- (b) the statement of purpose of the children’s home;
- (c) the number and needs (including any needs arising from any disability) of the children accommodated there,

carry on or manage the home (as the case may be) with sufficient care, competence and skill.

(2) If the registered provider is—

- (a) an individual, he or she shall undertake; or
- (b) an organisation, it shall ensure that the responsible individual undertakes,

from time to time such training as is appropriate to ensure that he or she has the experience and skills necessary for carrying on the children’s home.

(3) Any individual managing the home shall undertake from time to time such training as is appropriate to ensure that he or she has the experience and skills necessary for managing the children's home.

Commencement Information

I9 Reg. 9 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

Notification of offences

10.—(1) Where the registered person or the responsible individual is convicted of any criminal offence, whether in Wales or elsewhere, he or she shall forthwith give notice in writing to the appropriate office of the National Assembly of—

- (a) the date and place of the conviction;
- (b) the offence of which he or she was convicted; and
- (c) the penalty imposed on him or her in respect of the offence.

(2) Where the registered person is charged with any offence in respect of which an order may be made under Part II of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 (Protection of Children)(**14**) he or she shall forthwith give notice in writing to the appropriate office of the National Assembly of the offence charged and the date and place of charge.

Commencement Information

I10 Reg. 10 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

PART III

CONDUCT OF CHILDREN'S HOMES

CHAPTER 1

WELFARE OF CHILDREN

Promotion of welfare

11.—(1) The registered person shall ensure that the children's home is conducted so as to—

- (a) promote and make proper provision for the welfare of children accommodated there; and
- (b) make proper provision for the care, education, supervision and, where appropriate, treatment, of children accommodated there.

(2) The registered person shall make suitable arrangements to ensure that the home is conducted—

- (a) in a manner which respects the privacy and dignity of children accommodated there;
- (b) with due regard to the sex, religious persuasion, racial origin, and cultural and linguistic background and any disability of children accommodated there.

[^{F8}(3) In complying with the requirements of this regulation and regulations 18(1)(c) and 20(1), the registered person must designate a member of staff to be the “link worker” for each child.]

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Textual Amendments

F8 Reg. 11(3) inserted (1.7.2007) by [The Children's Homes \(Wales\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/311\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(5)**

Commencement Information

I11 Reg. 11 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Child's placement plan

12.—(1) The registered person shall, before providing accommodation for a child in a children's home, or if that is not reasonably practicable, as soon as possible thereafter, prepare in consultation with the child's placing authority a written plan ("the placement plan") for the child setting out, in particular—

- (a) how, on a day to day basis, he or she will be cared for, and his or her welfare safeguarded and promoted by the home;
- (b) the arrangements for his or her health care and education [^{F9}including the name and contact details of the child's link worker.]; and
- (c) the arrangements made for contact with his or her parents, relatives and friends.

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

(3) In preparing or reviewing the placement plan the registered person shall, so far as practicable and having regard to the child's age and understanding, seek and take account of his or her views.

(4) The registered person shall—

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

Textual Amendments

F9 Words in [reg. 12\(1\)\(b\)](#) inserted (1.7.2007) by [The Children's Homes \(Wales\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/311\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(6)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Reg. 12 applied (with modifications) (1.4.2002) by [The Care Homes \(Wales\) Regulations 2002 \(S.I. 2002/324\)](#), regs. 1(1), **33(2)**

Commencement Information

I12 Reg. 12 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Food provided for children

13.—(1) The registered person shall ensure that children accommodated in a children's home are provided with—

- (a) food which—

- (i) is served in adequate quantities and at appropriate intervals;
 - (ii) is properly prepared, wholesome and nutritious;
 - (iii) is suitable for their needs and meets their reasonable preferences; and
 - (iv) is sufficiently varied; and
- (b) access to fresh drinking water at all times.
- (2) The registered person shall ensure that any special dietary need of a child accommodated in the home, which is due to his health, religious persuasion, racial origin or cultural background, is met.

Commencement Information

I13 Reg. 13 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Provision of clothing, pocket money and personal necessities

14.—(1) The registered person shall ensure that the needs and reasonable preferences of each child accommodated in the home for clothing, including footwear, and personal necessities are met.

(2) The registered person shall provide children accommodated in the home with such sums of money in respect of their occasional personal expenses as is appropriate to their age and understanding.

Commencement Information

I14 Reg. 14 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Contact and access to communications

15.—(1) The registered person shall—

- (a) subject to paragraphs (6) and (8), promote the contact of each child with his or her parents, relatives and friends in accordance with the arrangements set out in his or her placement plan; and
- (b) subject to paragraph (3), ensure that suitable facilities are provided within the children's home for any child accommodated there to meet privately at any reasonable time with his or her parents, friends, relatives, and the persons listed in paragraph (2).

(2) The persons are—

- (a) any solicitor or other adviser or advocate whom the child has instructed or wishes to instruct;
- (b) any officer of the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service [^{F10}or Welsh Family Proceedings Officer] appointed for the child⁽¹⁵⁾;
- (c) any social worker for the time being assigned to the child by his placing authority;
- (d) any person appointed in respect of any requirement of the procedure specified in the Representations Procedure (Children) Regulations 1991⁽¹⁶⁾;
- (e) any person holding an appointment as a visitor for the child under paragraph 17 of Schedule 2 to the 1989 Act;

⁽¹⁵⁾ The Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service is established by Chapter II of Part I of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 c. 43. Officers of CAFCASS are appointed for children in specified proceedings (section 41).

⁽¹⁶⁾ S.I.1991/894 as amended by S.I.1991/2033 and S.I. 1993/3069.

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- (f) any person authorised by the National Assembly under section 31 of the Act to inspect undertakings regulated under Part II of the Act;
- (g) any person authorised by the local authority for the area in which the home is situated;
- (h) any person authorised in accordance with section 80(2) of the 1989 Act by the National Assembly to conduct an inspection of the children's home and the children there.
- (3) In the case of a home in respect of which a certificate under section 51 of the 1989 Act is in force, the facilities may be at an address different to that of the home.
- (4) Subject to paragraphs (6) and (8), the registered person shall ensure that children accommodated in the home are provided at all reasonable times with access to the following, which they may use without reference to persons working in the home—
- (a) a telephone on which to make and receive telephone calls in private; and
- (b) facilities to send and receive post and, if the necessary facilities are provided for the use of children accommodated in the home, electronic mail, in private.
- (5) The registered person shall ensure that any disabled child accommodated in the home is provided with access to such aids and equipment which he or she may require as a result of his or her disability in order to facilitate his or her communication with others.
- (6) The registered person may (subject to paragraphs (7) and (8)) impose restrictions, prohibitions or conditions upon a child's contact with any person under paragraph (1)(a), or upon a child's meeting privately in the home with those persons, or upon a child's access to communications under paragraph (4), if he or she is of the reasonable opinion that the imposition is necessary for the purpose of safeguarding or promoting the welfare of the child in question.
- (7) No measure may be imposed by the registered person in accordance with paragraph (6) unless—
- (i) the child's placing authority consents to the imposition of the measure; or
- (ii) the measure is imposed in an emergency and full details are given to the placing authority within 24 hours of its imposition.
- (8) This regulation is subject to the provisions of any court order relating to contact between the child and any person.
- (9) It is declared (for the avoidance of doubt) that any rule of law relating to duress or necessity may, as well as paragraphs (6) and (8), be relied upon if it is alleged that this regulation has not been complied with.

Textual Amendments

F10 Words in [reg. 15\(2\)\(b\)](#) inserted (1.4.2005) by [The Children Act 2004 \(Amendment of Miscellaneous Regulations\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2005 \(S.I. 2005/774\)](#), regs. 1(2), **6(2)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C2 [Regs. 15-18](#) applied (with modifications) (1.4.2002) by [The Care Homes \(Wales\) Regulations 2002 \(S.I. 2002/324\)](#), regs. 1(1), **33(2)**

Commencement Information

I15 [Reg. 15](#) in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Arrangements for the protection of children

16.—(1) The registered person shall prepare and implement a written policy which—

- (a) is intended to safeguard children accommodated in the home from abuse or neglect; and
 - (b) sets out the procedure to be followed in the event of any allegation of abuse or neglect.
- (2) The procedure under paragraph (1)(b) shall in particular provide for—
- (a) liaison and co-operation with any local authority which is, or may be, making child protection enquiries in relation to any child accommodated in the children's home;
 - (b) the prompt referral to the local authority in whose area the home is situated, of any allegations of abuse or neglect affecting any child accommodated in the children's home;
 - (c) notification (in accordance with regulation 29) of the instigation and subsequent outcome of any child protection enquiries involving any child accommodated in the children's home to the appropriate office of the National Assembly and to the child's placing authority;
 - (d) written records to be maintained (in accordance with regulation 28(1)) of any allegation of abuse or neglect, and of the action taken in response;
 - (e) consideration to be given to the measures which may be necessary to protect children in the children's home following an allegation of abuse or neglect;
 - (f) a requirement (in accordance with regulation 27) for persons working at the home to report any concerns about the welfare or safety of a child accommodated there to one of the following—
 - (i) the registered person;
 - (ii) a constable;
 - (iii) a person exercising functions of the National Assembly under Part II of the Act;
 - (iv) an officer of the local authority in whose area the home is situated, or
 - (v) an officer of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children;
 - (g) arrangements to be made so that persons working at the home and children accommodated there have access, at all times and in an appropriate form, to information which would enable them to contact the local authority in whose area the home is situated, or the appropriate office of the National Assembly concerning the welfare or safety of children accommodated in the home.
- (3) The registered person shall prepare and implement—
- (a) a written policy for the prevention of bullying in the children's home, which shall include a procedure for dealing with an allegation of bullying; and
 - (b) a procedure to be followed when any child accommodated in a children's home is absent without permission.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C2 Regs. 15-18 applied (with modifications) (1.4.2002) by [The Care Homes \(Wales\) Regulations 2002](#) (S.I. 2002/324), regs. 1(1), **33(2)**

Commencement Information

I16 Reg. 16 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Behaviour management, discipline and restraint

17.—(1) Without prejudice to paragraph (5), no measure of control, restraint or discipline which is excessive, or unreasonable shall be used at any time on children accommodated in a children's home.

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(2) The registered person shall prepare and follow a written policy (in this regulation referred to as “the behaviour management policy”) which shall set out—

- (a) the measures of control, restraint and discipline which may be used in the children’s home; and
- (b) the means whereby appropriate behaviour is to be promoted in the home.

(3) The registered person shall—

- (a) keep under review and where appropriate revise the behaviour management policy; and
- (b) notify the appropriate office of the National Assembly of any such revision within 28 days.

(4) The registered person shall ensure that within 24 hours of the use of any measure of control, restraint or discipline in a children’s home a written record is made in a volume kept for the purpose which shall include—

- (a) the name of the child concerned;
- (b) details of the child’s behaviour leading to the use of the measure;
- (c) a description of the measure used;
- (d) the date, time and location of the use of the measure (including in the case of any form of restraint, the duration of the restraint);
- (e) the name of the person using the measure, and of any other person present;
- (f) the effectiveness and any consequences of the use of the measure; and
- (g) the signature of a person authorised by the registered provider to make the record.

(5) Subject to paragraph (6) of this regulation, the following measures shall not be used against children accommodated in a children’s home—

- (a) any form of corporal punishment;
- (b) any punishment relating to the consumption or deprivation of food or drink;
- (c) any restriction, other than one imposed in accordance with regulation 15, on—
 - (i) a child’s contact with his or her parents, relatives or friends;
 - (ii) visits to the child by his or her parents, relatives or friends;
 - (iii) a child’s communications with any of the persons listed in regulation 15(2); or
 - (iv) his or her access to any telephone helpline providing counselling or advice for children;
- (d) any requirement that a child wear distinctive or inappropriate clothes;
- (e) the use or withholding of medication or medical or dental treatment as a disciplinary measure;
- (f) the intentional deprivation of sleep;
- (g) the imposition of any financial penalty, other than a requirement for the payment of a reasonable sum (which may be by instalments) by way of reparation;
- (h) any intimate physical examination of a child;
- (i) the withholding of any aids or equipment needed by a disabled child;
- (j) any measure which involves—
 - (i) a child in the imposition of any measure against any other child; or
 - (ii) the punishment of a group of children for the behaviour of an individual child.

(6) Nothing in this regulation shall prohibit—

- (a) the taking of any action by, or in accordance with the instructions of, a registered medical or dental practitioner which is necessary to protect the health of a child;
 - (b) the imposition of a requirement that a child wear distinctive clothing for sporting purposes, or for purposes connected with his education or with any organisation whose members customarily wear uniform in connection with its activities.
- (7) It is declared (for the avoidance of doubt) that any rule of law relating to duress or necessity may be relied upon, as well as paragraph (6), if it is alleged that this regulation has not been complied with.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C2** Regs. 15-18 applied (with modifications) (1.4.2002) by [The Care Homes \(Wales\) Regulations 2002 \(S.I. 2002/324\)](#), regs. 1(1), **33(2)**

Commencement Information

- I17** [Reg. 17](#) in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Education, employment and leisure activity

18.—(1) The registered person shall promote the educational attainment of children accommodated in a children's home, which shall include ensuring that—

- (a) the children make use of educational facilities appropriate to their age, aptitude, needs, interests and potential;
 - (b) the routine of the home is organised so as to further children's participation in education including private study; ^{F11}...
 - (c) effective links are maintained with any schools attended by children accommodated in the home.
 - ^{F12}(d) a child's link worker participates in any review involving consideration of the child's educational progress, whether conducted under the Review of Children's Cases (Wales) Regulations 2007 or otherwise.]
- (2) The registered person shall ensure that children accommodated in the home are—
- (a) encouraged to develop and pursue appropriate leisure interests; and
 - (b) provided with appropriate leisure facilities and activities.

(3) Where any child in a children's home has attained the age where he or she is no longer required to receive compulsory full-time education, the registered person shall assist with the making of, and giving effect to, the arrangements made for him or her in respect of his education, training and employment.

Textual Amendments

- F11** Word in [reg. 18\(1\)\(b\)](#) omitted (1.7.2007) by virtue of [The Children's Homes \(Wales\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/311\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(7)(a)**
- F12** [Reg. 18\(1\)\(d\)](#) inserted (1.7.2007) by [The Children's Homes \(Wales\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/311\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(7)(b)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C2** Regs. 15-18 applied (with modifications) (1.4.2002) by [The Care Homes \(Wales\) Regulations 2002 \(S.I. 2002/324\)](#), regs. 1(1), **33(2)**

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Commencement Information

I18 Reg. 18 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

Religious observance

19. The registered person shall ensure that each child accommodated in a children's home is enabled, so far as practicable—

- (a) to attend the services of;
- (b) to receive instruction in; and
- (c) to observe any requirement (whether as to dress, diet or otherwise) of,

the religious persuasion to which he or she belongs.

Commencement Information

I19 Reg. 19 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

Health needs of children

20.—(1) The registered person shall promote and protect the health of the children accommodated in a children's home.

(2) In particular the registered person shall ensure that—

- (a) each child is registered with a general practitioner [^{F13}and placed under the care of a registered dental practitioner; and];
- (b) each child has access to such medical, dental, nursing, psychological and psychiatric advice, treatment and services as he or she may require;
- (c) each child is provided with such individual support, aids and equipment as he or she may require in the light of any particular health needs or disability he or she may have;
- (d) each child is provided with guidance, support and advice on health and personal care issues appropriate to his or her needs and wishes;
- (e) at all times, at least one person on duty at the home has a suitable first aid qualification;
- (f) any person appointed to the position of nurse at the children's home is a registered nurse.
- [^{F14}(g) a child's link worker participates in any review involving consideration of any aspect of a child's health, whether conducted under the Review of Children's Cases (Wales) Regulations 2007 or otherwise.]

Textual Amendments

F13 Words in **reg. 20(2)(a)** inserted (1.7.2007) by **The Children's Homes (Wales) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/311)**, **regs. 1(1), 2(8)(a)**

F14 **Reg. 20(2)(g)** inserted (1.7.2007) by **The Children's Homes (Wales) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/311)**, **regs. 1(1), 2(8)(b)**

Commencement Information

I20 Reg. 20 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

Medicines

21.—(1) The registered person shall make suitable arrangements for the recording, handling, safekeeping, safe administration and disposal of any medicines received into the children's home.

(2) In particular the registered person shall ensure, subject to paragraph (3), that—

- (a) any medicine which is kept in a children's home is stored in a secure place so as to prevent any child accommodated there having unsupervised access to it;
- (b) any medicine which is prescribed for a child is administered as prescribed, to the child for whom it is prescribed, and to no other child; and
- (c) a written record is kept of the administration of any medicine to any child.

(3) Paragraph (1) does not prevent a medicine being—

- (a) stored by the child for whom it is provided;
- (b) self-administered by the child for whom it is provided,

if it is safe for the child and others for that to be done.

(4) In this regulation, “prescribed” means—

- (a) ordered for a patient for provision to them—
 - (i) under or by virtue of section 41 of the National Health Service Act 1977; or
 - (ii) as part of the performance of personal medical services in connection with a pilot scheme under the National Health Service (Primary Care) Act 1997; or
- (b) in a case not falling within sub-paragraph (a), prescribed for a patient under section 58 of the Medicines Act 1968⁽¹⁷⁾.

Commencement Information

I21 [Reg. 21](#) in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Use of surveillance

22. Subject to any requirements for monitoring imposed by a court under any enactment, the registered person shall ensure that a device for the surveillance of children is not used in a children's home, except for the purpose of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the child concerned, or other children accommodated in the children's home, and where the following conditions are met—

- (a) the child's placing authority consents to the use of the surveillance in question;
- (b) it is provided for in the child's placement plan;
- (c) so far as practicable in the light of his or her age and understanding, the child in question is informed in advance of the intention to use the measure; and
- (d) the measure is no more restrictive than necessary, having regard to the child's need for privacy.

Commencement Information

I22 [Reg. 22](#) in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

⁽¹⁷⁾ 1968 c. 67. Section 58 has been amended by section 1 of the Medicinal Products: Prescription by Nurses etc Act 1992 (c. 28).

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Hazards and safety

23. The registered person shall ensure that—
- (a) all parts of the home to which children have access are so far as reasonably practicable free from hazards to their safety;
 - (b) any activities in which children participate are so far as reasonably practicable free from avoidable risks;
 - (c) unnecessary risks to the health or safety of children accommodated in the home are identified and so far as possible eliminated; and
 - (d) suitable arrangements are made for persons working in the home to be trained in first aid.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C3 Reg. 23 applied (with modifications) (1.4.2002) by [The Care Homes \(Wales\) Regulations 2002 \(S.I. 2002/324\)](#), regs. 1(1), 33(2)

Commencement Information

- I23 Reg. 23 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Representations and complaints

- 24.—(1) The registered person shall prepare and follow a written procedure for considering representations and complaints made by or on behalf of children accommodated in the home.
- (2) The procedure shall, in particular, provide—
- (a) for an opportunity for informal resolution of the representation or complaint at an early stage;
 - (b) that no person who is the subject of a complaint is involved in any part of its consideration other than, if in the reasonable opinion of the registered person it is appropriate, at the informal resolution stage only;
 - (c) for dealing with complaints about the registered person;
 - (d) for representations and complaints to be made, and for the other aspects of the procedure to be performed, by a person acting on behalf of a child;
 - (e) for arrangements for the procedure to be made known to—
 - (i) children accommodated in the home;
 - (ii) their parents;
 - (iii) placing authorities; and
 - (iv) persons working in the home.
- (3) A copy of the procedure shall be supplied on request to any of the persons mentioned in paragraph (2)(e).
- (4) The copy of the procedure supplied under paragraph (3) shall include—
- (a) the name, address and telephone number of the appropriate office of the National Assembly; and
 - (b) details of the procedure (if any) which has been notified to the registered person by the National Assembly for the making of complaints to it relating to children's homes.
- (5) The registered person shall ensure that a written record is made of any complaint, the action taken in response, and the outcome of the investigation.

- (6) The registered person shall ensure that—
- (a) children accommodated in the home are enabled to make a complaint or representation; and
 - (b) no child is subject to any detriment for making a complaint or representation.

(7) The registered person shall supply to the appropriate office of the National Assembly at its request a statement containing a summary of any complaints made during the preceding twelve months and the action taken in response.

(8) This regulation (apart from paragraph (6)) does not apply to any representation to which the Representations Procedure (Children) Regulations 1991(18) applies.

Commencement Information

I24 Reg. 24 in force at 1.4.2002, see reg. 1(1)

CHAPTER 2

STAFFING

Staffing of children's homes

- 25.—(1) The registered person shall ensure that there is at all times, having regard to—
- (a) the size of the children's home, its statement of purpose, and the number and needs (including any needs arising from any disability) of the children accommodated there; and
 - (b) the need to safeguard and promote the health and welfare of the children accommodated in the home;

a sufficient number of suitably qualified, skilled and experienced persons working at the children's home.

[^{F15}(1A) In complying with paragraph (1) the registered person must ensure that at all times after 1 July 2010, or such later date as the Assembly may, in exceptional circumstances agree, not less than 80% of the care staff at the children's home hold a relevant qualification.]

(2) The registered person shall ensure that the employment of any persons on a temporary basis at the children's home will not prevent children accommodated in the children's home from receiving such continuity of care as is reasonable to meet their needs.

[^{F16}(2A) In complying with paragraph (2) the registered person must ensure that at all times after 1 March 2008 or such later date as the Assembly may, in exceptional circumstances agree, not less than 90% of care staff working at the children's home are permanent employees.]

Textual Amendments

F15 Reg. 25(1A) inserted (1.7.2007) by The Children's Homes (Wales) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/311), regs. 1(1), 2(9)(a)

F16 Reg. 25(2A) inserted (1.7.2007) by The Children's Homes (Wales) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/311), regs. 1(1), 2(9)(b)

Commencement Information

I25 Reg. 25 in force at 1.4.2002, see reg. 1(1)

(18) See the footnote to regulation 15(2)(d).

Fitness of workers

26.—(1) [^{F17}Subject to paragraphs (5) and (5A)] the registered person shall not—

- (a) employ a person under a contract of employment to work at the children's home unless that person is fit to do so;
- (b) allow a volunteer to work at the children's home unless that person is fit to do so;
- (c) allow any other person to work at the children's home in a position in which he or she may in the course of his or her duties have regular contact with children accommodated there unless that person is fit to do so.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), a person is not fit to work at a children's home unless—

- (a) he or she is of suitable integrity and good character to work at a children's home;
- (b) he or she has the qualifications, skills and experience necessary for the work he or she is to perform;
- (c) he or she is physically and mentally fit for the purposes of the work he or she is to perform; and

[^{F18}(d) subject to paragraph (2G), full and satisfactory information or documentation, as the case may be, is available in relation to the person in respect of each matter specified in paragraphs 1 to 6 of Schedule 2]

[^{F19}(2A) Subject to paragraph (2B) and (2C), in relation to a member of the care staff of a children's home, a reference to qualifications and experience in paragraph (2)(b) includes a requirement that that person must hold a relevant qualification.

(2B) Where a person who does not hold a relevant qualification was appointed to work at a children's home before 1 July 2007, that person is not fit to work at a children's home unless he or she obtains a relevant qualification—

- (a) within a period of three years beginning with 1 July 2007; or
- (b) by such later date as the National Assembly may in exceptional circumstances agree.

(2C) Where a person who does not hold a relevant qualification is appointed to work at a children's home after 1 July 2007, that person is not fit to work at a children's home unless he or she obtains a relevant qualification—

- (a) within a period of three years beginning with the first date following 1 July 2007 on which he or she is appointed to work at a children's home; or
- (b) by such later date as the National Assembly may in exceptional circumstances agree.

(2D) Where a person subject to a requirement to obtain a relevant qualification within a period of time specified in accordance with paragraph (2B) or (2C), is appointed during that period to a different post within the field of children's residential care, with the same or a different employer, the period of time so specified is not altered for that reason alone.

(2E) Nothing in paragraphs (2A) to (2C) affects any requirement for a person to possess other qualifications, skills or experience relevant to the matters set out in paragraph (2)(b) and (c).

(2F) A person appointed to work in a children's home before 1 July 2007 is not fit to work in a children's home unless he or she registers as a social care worker with the Care Council for Wales not later than—

- (a) 1 March 2008; or
- (b) such later date as the National Assembly may in exceptional circumstances agree.

(2G) A person appointed to work in a children's home after 1 July 2007 is not fit to work in a children's home unless he or she registers as a social care worker with the Care Council for Wales not later than—

- (a) six months from the first date following 1 July 2007 on which he or she is appointed to work at a children's home; or
 - (b) such later date as the National Assembly may in exceptional circumstances agree.]
- [^{F20}(3) This paragraph applies where an individual has applied for a certificate referred to in paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 but the certificate has not been issued]
- (4) The registered person shall ensure that—
 - (a) any offer of employment to, or other arrangement about working at the children's home made with or in respect of, a person falling within paragraph (1) is subject to paragraph (2)(d) being complied with in relation to that person; and
 - (b) [^{F21}unless paragraph (5) or (5A) applies.], no such person starts work at a children's home until such time as paragraph (2)(d) has been complied with in relation to him or her.
 - (5) Where the following conditions apply, the registered person may permit a person to start work at a children's home notwithstanding [^{F22}paragraphs (1) and] (4)(b)—
 - (a) the registered person has taken all reasonable steps to obtain full information in respect of each of the matters listed in Schedule 2 in respect of that person, but the enquiries in relation to any of the matters listed in paragraphs 3 to 6 of Schedule 2 are incomplete;
 - [^{F23}(b) full and satisfactory information in relation to that person has been obtained in respect of the matters specified in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 2.]
 - (c) in the reasonable opinion of the registered person the circumstances are exceptional; and
 - (d) pending receipt of, and satisfying himself or herself with regard to, any outstanding information, the registered person ensures that the person is appropriately supervised while carrying out his or her duties.
 - [^{F24}(5A) Alternatively to paragraph (5) where the following conditions apply, the registered person may permit a person to start work at a children's home notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (4)(b)—
 - (a) paragraph (3) of this regulation applies;
 - (b) full and satisfactory information in relation to that person has been obtained in respect of the matters set out in paragraphs 1, 4 and 6 of Schedule 2;
 - (c) the person has provided—
 - (i) two written references, including a reference from the last employer, if any, and
 - (ii) a written declaration of the details of any criminal offences of which the person has been convicted, including details of any convictions which are spent within the meaning of section 1 of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and which may be disclosed by virtue of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 or in respect of which the person has been cautioned and which, at the time the caution was given, the person admitted;
 - (d) in the reasonable view of the registered person the interests of the service will not be met unless the person can be appointed; and
 - (e) pending receipt of, and satisfying himself or herself with regard to, the certificate referred to in paragraph (3), the registered person ensures that the person is appropriately supervised while carrying out his or her duties.]
 - (6) The registered person shall ensure that any person working at the children's home who does not fall within paragraph (1) is appropriately supervised at all times.

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Textual Amendments

- F17** Words in [reg. 26\(1\)](#) inserted (18.10.2002) by [The Children Act 1989 and the Care Standards Act 2000 \(Miscellaneous Regulations\) \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2002 \(S.I. 2002/2622\)](#), regs. 1, [3\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- F18** [Reg. 26\(2\)\(d\)](#) substituted (12.10.2009) by [The Children Act 1989, Care Standards Act 2000 and Adoption and Children Act 2002 \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2009 \(S.I. 2009/2541\)](#), regs. 1(1), [6\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- F19** [Reg. 26\(2A\)-\(2G\)](#) inserted (1.7.2007) by [The Children's Homes \(Wales\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/311\)](#), regs. 1(1), [2\(10\)](#)
- F20** [Reg. 26\(3\)](#) substituted (18.10.2002) by [The Children Act 1989 and the Care Standards Act 2000 \(Miscellaneous Regulations\) \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2002 \(S.I. 2002/2622\)](#), regs. 1, [3\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- F21** Words in [reg. 26\(4\)\(b\)](#) substituted (12.10.2009) by [The Children Act 1989, Care Standards Act 2000 and Adoption and Children Act 2002 \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2009 \(S.I. 2009/2541\)](#), regs. 1(1), [6\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- F22** Words in [reg. 26\(5\)](#) substituted (18.10.2002) by [The Children Act 1989 and the Care Standards Act 2000 \(Miscellaneous Regulations\) \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2002 \(S.I. 2002/2622\)](#), regs. 1, [3\(4\)\(c\)](#)
- F23** [Reg. 26\(5\)\(b\)](#) substituted (12.10.2009) by [The Children Act 1989, Care Standards Act 2000 and Adoption and Children Act 2002 \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2009 \(S.I. 2009/2541\)](#), regs. 1(1), [6\(4\)\(c\)](#)
- F24** [Reg. 26\(5A\)](#) inserted (18.10.2002) by [The Children Act 1989 and the Care Standards Act 2000 \(Miscellaneous Regulations\) \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2002 \(S.I. 2002/2622\)](#), regs. 1, [3\(4\)\(d\)](#)

Commencement Information

- I26** [Reg. 26](#) in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Employment of staff

- 27.—**(1) The registered person shall—
- (a) ensure that all permanent appointments are subject to the satisfactory completion of a period of probation; and
 - (b) provide all employees with a job description outlining their responsibilities.
- (2) The registered person shall operate a disciplinary procedure which, in particular—
- (a) provides for suspension, and the taking of other action short of suspension, in relation to an employee where appropriate in the interests of the safety or welfare of children accommodated in the home; and
 - (b) provides that a failure on the part of an employee to report an incident of abuse, or suspected abuse of a child accommodated in the home to an appropriate person is a ground on which disciplinary proceedings may be instituted.
- (3) For the purposes of paragraph (2)(b), an appropriate person is the registered person, an officer of either the National Assembly responsible for exercising any of its function under Part II of the Act, the local authority for the area in which the home is situated, or the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, or a constable.
- (4) The registered person shall ensure that all persons employed by him or her—
- (a) receive appropriate training, supervision and appraisal; and
 - (b) are enabled from time to time to obtain further qualifications appropriate to the work they perform.

[^{F25}(4A) Where, under these Regulations, the fitness of any person employed by the registered person depends upon their obtaining a relevant qualification within a specified time, the registered person must, so far as is practicable, enable him or her to obtain the qualification within the time specified.]

Textual Amendments

F25 Reg. 27(4A) inserted (1.7.2007) by The Children's Homes (Wales) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/311), regs. 1(1), 2(11)

Commencement Information

I27 Reg. 27 in force at 1.4.2002, see reg. 1(1)

CHAPTER 3
RECORDS

Records

28.—(1) The registered person shall, on behalf of a child's placing authority, maintain in respect of each child who is accommodated in the children's home a record in the form of a report which—

- (a) includes the information, documents and records specified in Schedule 3 relating to that child;
- (b) is kept up to date; and
- (c) is signed and dated by the author of each written entry.

(2) The record mentioned in paragraph (1) shall not be disclosed to any person except in accordance with—

- (a) any enactment under which access to such records is authorised; or
- (b) any court order authorising access to such records.

(3) The record mentioned in paragraph (1) shall be—

- (a) kept securely in the children's home so long as the child to whom it relates is accommodated there; and
- (b) thereafter delivered to the child's placing authority⁽¹⁹⁾.

(4) The registered person shall maintain in the children's home the record specified in Schedule 4, or if the home closes keep the record elsewhere and make it available for inspection by the National Assembly at its request.

(5) A record referred to in paragraph (4) shall be kept up to date and retained for at least fifteen years from the date of the last entry, except for records of menus, which need be kept for one year.

(6) This regulation and regulation 29 are without prejudice to any enactment (including a provision of subordinate legislation) or other rule of law about records or information.

Commencement Information

I28 Reg. 28 in force at 1.4.2002, see reg. 1(1)

⁽¹⁹⁾ Under the Arrangements for Placement of Children (General) Regulations 1991 (S.I. 1991/890), the responsible authority in relation to a child placed in a children's home must retain their case records (which includes any report in their possession concerning the welfare of the child) for seventy five years after the death of the child or, if the child dies before reaching eighteen, fifteen years from the date of death.

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Notifiable events

29.—(1) If, in relation to a children's home, any of the events listed in column 1 of the table in Schedule 5 takes place, the registered person shall without delay notify the persons indicated in respect of the event in column 2 of the table.

(2) A notification under paragraph (1) shall include a child's name only if that is necessary.

(3) The registered person shall without delay notify the parent of any child accommodated in the home of any significant incident affecting the child's welfare unless to do so is not reasonably practicable or would place the child's welfare at risk.

(4) Any notification made in accordance with this regulation which is given orally shall be confirmed in writing.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C4 [Reg. 29](#) applied (with modifications) (1.4.2002) by [The Care Homes \(Wales\) Regulations 2002 \(S.I. 2002/324\)](#), regs. 1(1), **33(2)**

Commencement Information

I29 [Reg. 29](#) in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

PART IV PREMISES

Fitness of premises

30.—(1) Subject to regulation 4(8), the registered person shall not use premises for the purposes of a children's home unless they are in a location, and of a physical design and layout, suitable for the purpose of achieving the aims and objectives set out in the home's statement of purpose.

(2) The registered person shall ensure that all parts of the home used by children are—

- (a) adequately lit, heated and ventilated;
- (b) secure from unauthorised access;
- (c) suitably furnished and equipped;
- (d) of sound construction and kept in good structural repair externally and internally;
- (e) kept clean, reasonably decorated and maintained; and
- (f) equipped with what is reasonably necessary, and adapted as necessary, in order to meet the needs arising from his or her disability of any disabled child accommodated in the home.

(3) The registered person shall ensure that the children's home is kept free from offensive odours and shall make suitable arrangements for the disposal of general and clinical waste.

(4) The registered person shall ensure that there are within the children's home, for use by children accommodated there, in conditions of appropriate privacy—

- (a) a sufficient number of wash basins and baths or showers supplied with hot and cold running water; and
- (b) a sufficient number of lavatories,

for the number and sex of children accommodated.

(5) The registered person shall provide for the number and needs of children accommodated in the children's home—

- (a) suitable and sufficient kitchen equipment, crockery and cutlery and utensils;
- (b) adequate facilities for the preparation and storage of food; and
- (c) so far as is practicable, adequate facilities for children to prepare their own food if they so wish and are of an age and ability to do so.

(6) The registered person shall ensure that there are within a children's home adequate facilities for laundering linen and clothing, and, for children wishing to do so, to wash, dry and iron their own clothes.

(7) The registered person shall ensure that there is provided within a children's home—

- (a) adequate communal space for sitting, recreation and dining;
- (b) such facilities for private study as are appropriate to the age and educational needs of the children accommodated.

(8) The registered person shall ensure that each child is provided with sleeping accommodation which is—

- (a) suitable to his or her needs including the need for privacy; and
- (b) equipped with furniture, storage facilities, lighting, bedding and other furnishings including window and floor coverings suitable to his needs.

(9) The registered person shall ensure that no child shares a bedroom with an adult, nor (except in the case of siblings) a child who is of the opposite sex or of a significantly different age to him or her.

(10) The registered person shall provide for persons working at the children's home—

- (a) suitable facilities and accommodation, other than sleeping accommodation, including—
 - (i) facilities for the purpose of changing;
 - (ii) storage facilities;
- (b) sleeping accommodation where that is needed in connection with their work at the home.

Commencement Information

I30 Reg. 30 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

Fire precautions

31.—(1) [^{F26}Subject to paragraph (1A) the registered person] shall—

- (a) take adequate precautions against the risk of fire, including the provision of fire equipment;
- (b) provide adequate means of escape;
- (c) make adequate arrangements—
 - (i) for detecting, containing and extinguishing fires;
 - (ii) for giving warnings of fires;
 - (iii) for evacuation in the event of fire,
 - (iv) for the maintenance of all fire equipment; and
 - (v) for reviewing fire precautions, and testing fire equipment, at suitable intervals;
- (d) make arrangements for persons working at the home to receive suitable training in fire prevention;

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- (e) ensure, by means of fire drills and practices at suitable intervals, that the persons working at the home and, so far as practicable, children accommodated there, are aware of the procedure to be followed in case of fire; and
- (f) consult with the [^{F27}fire and rescue authority] about the matters described in subparagraphs (a) to (e).

[^{F28}(1A) Where the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 applies to the children's home—

- (a) paragraph (1) does not apply; and
- (b) the registered person must ensure that the requirements of that Order and any regulations made under it, except for article 23 (duties of employees), are complied with in respect of the home.]

[^{F29}(2) In this regulation, “fire and rescue authority” means the fire and rescue authority under the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 for the area in which a children’s home is situated.]

Textual Amendments

- F26** Words in [reg. 31\(1\)](#) substituted (1.10.2006) by [The Regulatory Reform \(Fire Safety\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/1541\)](#), art. 1(3), [Sch. 3 para. 13\(a\)](#) (with arts. 49, 51) (as amended by [The Regulatory Reform \(Fire Safety\) Subordinate Provisions Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/484\)](#), arts. 1(1), 2)
- F27** Words in [reg. 31\(1\)](#) substituted (25.10.2005) by [The Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Wales\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2929\)](#), arts. 1(1), **68(a)**
- F28** [Reg. 31\(1A\)](#) inserted (1.10.2006) by [The Regulatory Reform \(Fire Safety\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/1541\)](#), art. 1(3), [Sch. 3 para. 13\(c\)](#) (with arts. 49, 51) (as amended by [The Regulatory Reform \(Fire Safety\) Subordinate Provisions Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/484\)](#), arts. 1(1), 2)
- F29** [Reg. 31\(2\)](#) substituted (25.10.2005) by [The Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 \(Consequential Amendments\) \(Wales\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2929\)](#), arts. 1(1), **68(b)**

Commencement Information

- I31** [Reg. 31](#) in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

PART V

MANAGEMENT OF HOMES

Visits by registered provider

32.—(1) Where the registered provider is an individual who does not manage the children’s home, he or she shall visit the home in accordance with this regulation.

(2) Where the registered provider is an organisation, the home shall be visited in accordance with this regulation by—

- (a) the responsible individual;
- (b) another of the directors or other persons responsible for the management of the organisation who is suitable to visit the home; or
- (c) an employee of the organisation who is not directly concerned with the conduct of the home who is suitable to visit the home.

(3) Visits under paragraph (1) or (2) shall take place at least once a month and may be unannounced.

(4) The person carrying out the visit shall—

- (a) interview, with their consent and in private, such of the children accommodated there, their parents, relatives and persons working at the home as appears necessary in order to form an opinion of the standard of care provided in the home;
 - (b) inspect the premises of the children's home, its daily log of events and records of any complaints; and
 - (c) prepare a written report on the conduct of the home.
- (5) The registered provider shall supply a copy of the report required to be made under paragraph (4)(c) to—
- (a) the registered manager of the children's home who shall keep the report at the home; and
 - (b) in the case of a visit under paragraph (2), to each of the directors or other persons responsible for the management of the organisation.

Commencement Information

I32 Reg. 32 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

Review of quality of care

[^{F30}33.—(1) The registered person must make suitable arrangements to establish and maintain a system for monitoring, reviewing and improving the quality of care given to children.

- (2) The system established under paragraph (1) must make provision for —
- (a) the quality of care to be reviewed at least annually;
 - (b) the matters set out in Schedule 6 to be monitored and reviewed; and
 - (c) the registered person to obtain the views of —
 - (i) children accommodated at the children's home;
 - (ii) subject to paragraph (3) the parent of any child accommodated in the children's home;
 - (iii) the placing authority of any child accommodated in the children's home; and
 - (iv) staff employed at the [^{F31}children's home] on the quality of care provided, as part of any review undertaken.

(3) The registered person must not comply with paragraph (2)(c)(ii) or (4)(b) in relation to a child if there is a court order that restricts or limits contact between the child and his or her parents and it is necessary to restrict communication for the purpose of safeguarding or promoting the welfare of the child.

(4) Following a review of the quality of care, the registered person must within 28 days prepare a report of that review and make a copy of the available report in an appropriate format when requested by —

- (a) [^{F32}children accommodated in the children's home;]
- (b) subject to paragraph (3) the parent of any child accommodated in the children's home;
- (c) the placing authority of any child accommodated in the children's home;
- (d) staff employed at the children's home;
- (e) the National Assembly.]

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Textual Amendments

- F30** Reg. 33 substituted (1.1.2007) by The Care Standards Act 2000 and the Children Act 1989 (Regulatory Reform and Complaints) (Wales) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/3251), regs. 1(2), **3(a)**
- F31** Words in reg. 33(2)(c)(iv) substituted (15.2.2007) by The Children's Homes (Wales) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/311), regs. 1(1), **2(12)(a)**
- F32** Words in reg. 33(4)(a) substituted (15.2.2007) by virtue of The Children's Homes (Wales) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/311), regs. 1(1), **2(12)(b)**

Commencement Information

- I33** Reg. 33 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

Regulations and national minimum standards

34. The registered person shall ensure that a copy of these Regulations (and of any amendments to them), and the national minimum standards⁽²⁰⁾ (and of any amendments to them) applicable to children's homes published by the National Assembly under section 23(1) of the Act, are kept in the home and made available on request to—

- (a) any person working in the home;
- (b) any child accommodated in the home; and
- (c) the parent of any child accommodated in the home.

Commencement Information

- I34** Reg. 34 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

Financial position

35.—(1) The registered provider shall carry on the children's home in such manner as is likely to ensure that the home will be financially viable for the purpose of achieving the aims and objectives set out in its statement of purpose.

- (2) The registered person shall—
- (a) ensure that adequate accounts are maintained and kept up to date in respect of a children's home; and
 - (b) supply a copy of the accounts to the National Assembly at its request.

(3) The registered person shall provide the appropriate office of the National Assembly with such information as the National Assembly may require in order to consider the financial viability of the children's home, including—

- (a) the annual accounts of the home certified by an accountant;
- (b) a reference from a bank expressing an opinion as to the registered provider's financial standing;
- (c) information as to the financing and financial resources of the home;
- (d) where the registered provider is a company, information as to any of its associated companies; and

⁽²⁰⁾ Under section 23 of the Act the National Assembly may prepare and publish statements of national minimum standards applicable to children's homes, which must be taken into account in certain decisions and proceedings under Part II of the Act.

- (e) a certificate of insurance for the registered provider in respect of liability which may be incurred by him or her in relation to the home in respect of death, injury, public liability, damage or other loss.

(4) In this regulation a company is an associated company of another if one of them has control of the other or both are under the control of the same person.

Commencement Information

I35 Reg. 35 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

PART VI

MISCELLANEOUS

Notice of absence

36.—(1) Where—

- (a) a registered provider who manages the children's home; or
- (b) a registered manager,

is to be absent from the home for a continuous period of 28 days or more, the registered person shall give notice in writing to the appropriate office of the National Assembly of the absence.

(2) Except in the case of an emergency, the notice referred to in paragraph (1) shall be given no later than one month before the absence commences, or within such shorter period as may be agreed with the National Assembly and the notice shall specify with respect to the absence—

- (a) its length or expected length;
- (b) the reason for it;
- (c) the arrangements which have been made for running the home;
- (d) the name, address and qualifications of the person who will be responsible for the home during the absence; and
- (e) arrangements that have been or are proposed to be made for appointing another person to manage the children's home during the absence, including the proposed date by which the appointment is to be made.

(3) Where an absence referred to in paragraph (1) is to arise as a result of an emergency, the registered provider shall give notice of the absence within one week of the emergency's occurrence specifying the matters in sub-paragraphs (a) to (e) of paragraph (2).

(4) Where—

- (a) a registered provider who manages the children's home; or
- (b) a registered manager,

has been absent from the children's home for a continuous period of 28 days or more, and the appropriate office of the National Assembly has not been given notice of the absence, the registered person shall forthwith give notice in writing to that office specifying the matters mentioned in sub-paragraphs (a) to (e) of paragraph (2).

(5) The registered person shall notify the appropriate office of the National Assembly of the return to work of a person mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) or (b) of paragraph (4) not later than 7 days after the date of return.

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Commencement Information

I36 Reg. 36 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

Notice of changes

37. The registered person shall give notice in writing to the appropriate office of the National Assembly as soon as it is practicable to do so if—

- (a) a person other than a registered person carries on or manages, or proposes to carry on or manage, the children's home;
- (b) a person ceases, or proposes to cease, to carry on or manage the home;
- (c) where a registered provider is an individual, he changes, or proposes to change, his or her name;
- (d) where a registered provider is an organisation—
 - (i) the name or address of the organisation changes, or is proposed to be changed;
 - (ii) there is, or is proposed to be, any change of director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the organisation;
 - (iii) there is, or is proposed to be, any change in the identity of the responsible individual;
- (e) where a registered provider is an individual, a trustee in bankruptcy is, or is likely to be, appointed, or a composition or arrangement is, or is to be, made with creditors;
- (f) where a registered provider is a company, a receiver, liquidator or provisional liquidator is, or is likely to be, appointed;
- (g) where a registered provider is in a partnership whose business includes carrying on a children's home, a receiver or manager is, or is likely to be, appointed for the partnership; or
- (h) the premises of the home are, or are proposed to be, significantly altered or extended, or additional premises are, or are proposed to be, acquired.

Commencement Information

I37 Reg. 37 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

Appointment of liquidators etc

- 38.**—(1) Any person to whom paragraph (2) applies shall—
- (a) forthwith notify the appropriate office of the National Assembly for each children's home to which the appointment relates of his or her appointment indicating the reasons for it;
 - (b) appoint a manager to take full-time day to day charge of the children's home in any case where there is no registered manager; and
 - (c) within 28 days of his or her appointment notify the appropriate office of the National Assembly of his or her intentions regarding the future operation of each children's home to which the appointment relates.
- (2) This paragraph applies to any person appointed as—
- (a) the receiver of the property of a company which is a registered provider of a children's home;

- (b) a liquidator or provisional liquidator of, a company which is a registered provider of a children's home;
- (c) the receiver or manager of the property of a partnership whose business includes carrying on a children's home; or
- (d) the trustee in bankruptcy of a registered provider of a children's home.

Commencement Information

I38 [Reg. 38](#) in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Death of registered person

39.—(1) If more than one person is registered in respect of a children's home, and a registered person dies, a surviving registered person shall without delay notify the appropriate office of the National Assembly of the death in writing.

(2) If only one person is registered in respect of a children's home, and he or she dies, his or her personal representatives must notify the National Assembly in writing—

- (a) without delay of the death; and
- (b) within 28 days of their intentions regarding the future running of the home.

(3) The personal representatives of a deceased registered provider may carry on the home without being registered in respect of it—

- (a) for a period not exceeding 28 days; and
- (b) for any further period as may be determined in accordance with paragraph (4).

(4) The National Assembly may determine a period, not exceeding one year, for the purposes of paragraph (3)(b) and shall notify any such determination to the personal representatives in writing.

(5) The personal representatives shall appoint a person to manage the home during any period in which, in accordance with paragraph (3), they carry on the children's home without being registered in respect of it.

Commencement Information

I39 [Reg. 39](#) in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Offences

40.—(1) A contravention or failure to comply with the provisions of regulations 4 to 37 shall be an offence.

(2) Without prejudice to the powers of the Assembly under section 29 of the Act⁽²¹⁾ to bring proceedings against persons who once were, but are no longer, registered in respect of a children's home, the National Assembly may bring proceedings against a person who was once, but no longer is, a registered person, in respect of a failure to comply with regulation 28(5) after he or she ceased to be a registered person.

⁽²¹⁾ Under section 29 of the Act the National Assembly may, within the time limits there specified, bring proceedings for offences under regulations made under Part II of the Act.

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Commencement Information

I40 [Reg. 40](#) in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Compliance with regulations

41. Where there is more than one registered person in respect of a children's home, anything which is required under these regulations to be done by the registered person shall, if done by one of the registered persons, not be required to be done by any of the other registered persons.

Commencement Information

I41 [Reg. 41](#) in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Specification of appropriate offices

42. The Assembly may specify an office controlled by it as the appropriate office in relation to children's homes situated in a particular area of Wales.

Commencement Information

I42 [Reg. 42](#) in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Revocation

- 43.** The following Regulations are revoked in so far as they apply to Wales—
- (a) the Children's Homes Regulations 1991(**22**);
 - (b) regulation 2 of the Children (Homes, Arrangements for Placement, Review and Representations) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1993(**23**);
 - (c) the Children's Homes Amendment Regulations 1994(**24**)
 - (d) regulation 4 of the Children (Protection from Offenders) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1997(**25**); and
 - (e) the Children's Homes Amendment (Wales) Regulations 2001(**26**).

Commencement Information

I43 [Reg. 43](#) in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

(22) [S.I. 1991/1506](#).

(23) [S.I. 1993/3069](#).

(24) [S.I. 1994/1511](#).

(25) [S.I. 1997/2308](#).

(26) [S.I. 2001/140](#).

Signed on behalf of the National Assembly under section 66(1) of the Government of Wales Act 1998(27).

12th February 2002

D. Elis-Thomas
The Presiding Officer of the National Assembly

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SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 4(1)

MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

1. A statement of the overall aims of the home, and the objectives to be attained with regard to children accommodated in the home.

Commencement Information

I44 Sch. 1 para. 1 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

2. A statement of the facilities and services to be provided, within and outside the home, for the children accommodated in the home.

Commencement Information

I45 Sch. 1 para. 2 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

3. The name and business address of every registered person.

Commencement Information

I46 Sch. 1 para. 3 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

4. The relevant qualifications and experience of every registered person.

Commencement Information

I47 Sch. 1 para. 4 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

5. The numbers, relevant qualifications and experience of persons working at the home, and if the workers are all of one sex, a description of the means whereby the home will promote appropriate role models of both sexes.

Commencement Information

I48 Sch. 1 para. 5 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

6. The arrangements for the supervision, training and development of employees.

Commencement Information

I49 Sch. 1 para. 6 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

7. The organisational structure of the home.

Commencement Information

I50 Sch. 1 para. 7 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

8. The following details—

- (a) the age-range, sex and numbers of children for whom it is intended that accommodation should be provided;
- (b) whether it is intended to accommodate children who are disabled, have special needs or any other special characteristics;
- (c) the range of needs (other than those mentioned in sub-paragraph (b)) that the home is intended to meet.

Commencement Information

I51 Sch. 1 para. 8 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

9. The criteria used for admission to the home, including the home's policy and procedures for emergency admissions (if the home provides for emergency admissions).

Commencement Information

I52 Sch. 1 para. 9 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

10. If the home provides or is intended to provide accommodation for more than six children, a description of the positive outcomes intended for children in a home of such a size, and a description of the home's strategy for counteracting any adverse effects arising from its size for the children accommodated in the home.

Commencement Information

I53 Sch. 1 para. 10 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

11. A description of the home's ethos and philosophy and the theoretical or therapeutic basis for the care provided.

Commencement Information

I54 Sch. 1 para. 11 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

12. The arrangements made to protect and promote the health of the children accommodated in the home.

Commencement Information

I55 Sch. 1 para. 12 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

13. The arrangements for the promotion of the education of the children accommodated in the home, including the facilities for private study.

Commencement Information

I56 Sch. 1 para. 13 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

14. The arrangements to promote the participation of children in hobbies and recreational, sporting and cultural activities.

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Commencement Information

I57 Sch. 1 para. 14 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

15. The arrangements made for consultation with the children accommodated in the home about its operation.

Commencement Information

I58 Sch. 1 para. 15 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

16. Details of—

- (a) the home's policy on behaviour management and the use of restraint;
- (b) the methods of control and discipline that may be used in the home and the circumstances in which, and by whom, they may be used.

Commencement Information

I59 Sch. 1 para. 16 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

17. The arrangements for child protection and to counter bullying.

Commencement Information

I60 Sch. 1 para. 17 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

18. The procedure for dealing with any unauthorised absence of a child from the home.

Commencement Information

I61 Sch. 1 para. 18 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

19. Details of any means of surveillance of children which may be used in the home.

Commencement Information

I62 Sch. 1 para. 19 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

20. The fire precautions and associated emergency procedures in the home.

Commencement Information

I63 Sch. 1 para. 20 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

21. The arrangements made for the children's religious instruction and observance.

Commencement Information

I64 Sch. 1 para. 21 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

22. The arrangements made for contact between any child accommodated in the home and his or her parents, relatives and friends.

Commencement Information

I65 Sch. 1 para. 22 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

23. The arrangements for dealing with complaints of the children accommodated there.

Commencement Information

I66 Sch. 1 para. 23 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

24. The arrangements for dealing with reviews of placement plans.

Commencement Information

I67 Sch. 1 para. 24 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

25. The type of accommodation and sleeping arrangements provided (including details of any zones for particular types of children) and the circumstances in which children may share bedrooms.

Commencement Information

I68 Sch. 1 para. 25 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

26. Details of any specific therapeutic techniques used in the home and arrangements for their supervision.

Commencement Information

I69 Sch. 1 para. 26 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

27. Details of the home's policy on anti-discriminatory practice as respects children and children's rights.

Commencement Information

I70 Sch. 1 para. 27 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

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SCHEDULE 2

Regulations 6, 8, 26

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN RESPECT OF PERSONS SEEKING
 TO CARRY ON, MANAGE OR WORK AT A CHILDREN'S HOME

1. Proof of identity including a recent photograph.

Commencement InformationI71 Sch. 2 para. 1 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)I^{F33}2. Either—

- (a) where the certificate is required for a purpose related to registration under Part 2 of the Act or the position falls within regulation 5A of the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) Regulations 2002, an enhanced criminal record certificate issued under section 113B of the Police Act 1997 which includes suitability information relating to children (within the meaning of section 113BA(2) of that Act) and, where applicable, suitability information relating to vulnerable adults (within the meaning of section 113BB(2) of that Act) in respect of which less than three years have elapsed since it was issued ; or
- (b) in any other case, a standard criminal record certificate issued under section 113A of the Police Act 1997 in respect of which less than three years have elapsed since it was issued.]

Textual Amendments

F33 Sch. 2 para. 2 substituted (12.10.2009) by The Children Act 1989, Care Standards Act 2000 and Adoption and Children Act 2002 (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/2541), regs. 1(1), 6(5)(a)

Commencement InformationI72 Sch. 2 para. 2 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

3. Two written references, including a reference from the last employer, if any.

Commencement InformationI73 Sch. 2 para. 3 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

4. Where a person has previously worked in a position whose duties involved work with children or vulnerable adults, so far as reasonably practicable verification of the reason why the employment or position ended.

Commencement InformationI74 Sch. 2 para. 4 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

5. Documentary evidence of any relevant qualification.

Commencement InformationI75 Sch. 2 para. 5 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

[^{F34}5A Documentary evidence of registration with the Care Council for Wales.]

Textual Amendments

F34 Sch. 2 para. 5A inserted (1.7.2007) by The Children's Homes (Wales) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/311), regs. 1(1), **2(13)**

6. A full employment history, together with a satisfactory written explanation of any gaps in employment.

Commencement Information

I76 Sch. 2 para. 6 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

^{F35}7.

Textual Amendments

F35 Sch. 2 para. 7 omitted (12.10.2009) by The Children Act 1989, Care Standards Act 2000 and Adoption and Children Act 2002 (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/2541), regs. 1(1), **6(5)(b)**

^{F36}8.

Textual Amendments

F36 Sch. 2 para. 8 omitted (12.10.2009) by The Children Act 1989, Care Standards Act 2000 and Adoption and Children Act 2002 (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/2541), regs. 1(1), **6(5)(b)**

SCHEDULE 3

Regulation 28(1)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CASE RECORDS OF CHILDREN ACCOMMODATED IN CHILDREN'S HOMES

1. The child's name and any name by which the child has previously been known other than a name used by the child prior to adoption.

Commencement Information

I77 Sch. 3 para. 1 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

2. The child's date of birth and sex.

Commencement Information

I78 Sch. 3 para. 2 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

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3. The child's religious persuasion, if any.

Commencement Information

I79 Sch. 3 para. 3 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

4. A description of the child's racial origin and cultural and linguistic background.

Commencement Information

I80 Sch. 3 para. 4 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

5. The child's address immediately prior to entering the home.

Commencement Information

I81 Sch. 3 para. 5 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

6. The name, address and telephone number of the child's placing authority.

Commencement Information

I82 Sch. 3 para. 6 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

7. The statutory provision (if any) under which he or she is provided with accommodation.

Commencement Information

I83 Sch. 3 para. 7 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

8. The name, address, telephone number and the religious persuasion, if any, of the child's parents;

Commencement Information

I84 Sch. 3 para. 8 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

9. The name, address and telephone number of any social worker for the time being assigned to the child by the placing authority.

Commencement Information

I85 Sch. 3 para. 9 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

10. Any record required to be kept under regulation 16(2)(d) (allegation of abuse or neglect in relation to the child).

Commencement Information

I86 Sch. 3 para. 10 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

11. The date and circumstances of all absences of the child from the home, including whether the absence was authorised and any information relating to the child's whereabouts during the period of absence.

Commencement Information

I87 Sch. 3 para. 11 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

12. The date of, and reason for, any visit to the child whilst in the home.

Commencement Information

I88 Sch. 3 para. 12 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

13. A copy of any statement of special educational needs maintained in relation to the child under section 324 of the Education Act 1996(28), with details of any such needs.

Commencement Information

I89 Sch. 3 para. 13 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

14. The date and circumstances of any measures of control, restraint or discipline used on the child.

Commencement Information

I90 Sch. 3 para. 14 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

15. Any special dietary or health needs of the child.

Commencement Information

I91 Sch. 3 para. 15 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

16. The name, address and telephone number of any school or college attended by the child, and of any employer of the child.

Commencement Information

I92 Sch. 3 para. 16 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

17. Every school report received by the child while accommodated in the home.

(28) 1996 c. 56. Section 324 is amended by section 140(1) of, and paragraph 77 of Schedule 30 to, the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (c. 31), and section 9 of the Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001 (c. 10).

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Commencement Information

I93 [Sch. 3 para. 17](#) in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

18. Arrangements for, including any restriction, prohibition or condition as to, contact between the child, his parents, and any other person.

Commencement Information

I94 [Sch. 3 para. 18](#) in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

19. A copy of any plan for the care of the child prepared by his placing authority, and of the placement plan.

Commencement Information

I95 [Sch. 3 para. 19](#) in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

20. The date and result of any review of the placing authority's plan for the care of the child, or of the child's placement plan.

Commencement Information

I96 [Sch. 3 para. 20](#) in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

21. The name and address of the general practitioner with whom the child is registered, and of the child's registered dental practitioner.

Commencement Information

I97 [Sch. 3 para. 21](#) in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

22. Details of any accident or serious illness involving the child while accommodated in the home.

Commencement Information

I98 [Sch. 3 para. 22](#) in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

23. Details of any immunisation, allergy, or medical examination of the child and of any medical or dental need or treatment of the child.

Commencement Information

I99 [Sch. 3 para. 23](#) in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

24. Details of any health examination or developmental test conducted with respect to the child at or in connection with his or her school.

Commencement Information

I100 Sch. 3 para. 24 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

25. Details of any medicines kept for the child in the home, including any medicines which the child is permitted to administer to himself, and details of the administration of any medicine to the child.

Commencement Information

I101 Sch. 3 para. 25 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

26. The date on which any money or valuables are deposited by or on behalf of a child for safekeeping, and the dates on which any money is withdrawn, and any valuables are returned.

Commencement Information

I102 Sch. 3 para. 26 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

27. The address, and type of establishment or accommodation, to which the child goes when he or she ceases to be accommodated in the home.

Commencement Information

I103 Sch. 3 para. 27 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

SCHEDULE 4

Regulation 28(4)

OTHER RECORDS

1. A record in the form of a register showing in respect of each child accommodated in the children's home—

- (a) the date of his or her admission to the home;
- (b) the date on which he or she ceased to be accommodated there;
- (c) his or her address prior to being accommodated in the home;
- (d) his or her address on leaving the home;
- (e) his or her placing authority;
- (f) the statutory provision, if any, under which he or she is accommodated in the home.

Commencement Information

I104 Sch. 4 para. 1 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

2. A record of all persons working at the children's home, which shall include in respect of a person falling within regulation 26(1) the following matters—

- (a) full name;

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- (b) sex;
 - (c) date of birth;
 - (d) home address;
 - (e) qualifications relevant to, and experience of, work involving children;
 - (f) whether he or she works at the home full-time or part-time, (whether paid or not) and if part-time the average number of hours worked per week; and
 - (g) whether he or she resides at the home.
- [^{F37}(h) whether he or she is registered with the Care Council for Wales.]

Textual Amendments

F37 Sch. 4 para. 2(h) inserted (1.7.2007) by [The Children's Homes \(Wales\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/311\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(14)**

Commencement Information

I105 Sch. 4 para. 2 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

3. A record of any person who resides or works at any time at the children's home, who is not mentioned in the records kept in accordance with paragraph 1 or 2.

Commencement Information

I106 Sch. 4 para. 3 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

4. A record of all accidents occurring in the children's home or to children whilst accommodated by the home.

Commencement Information

I107 Sch. 4 para. 4 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

5. A record of the receipt, disposal and administration of any medicine to any child.

Commencement Information

I108 Sch. 4 para. 5 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

6. A record of every fire drill or fire alarm test conducted, with details of any deficiency in either the procedure or the equipment concerned, together with details of the steps taken to remedy that deficiency.

Commencement Information

I109 Sch. 4 para. 6 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

7. A record of all money deposited by a child for safekeeping, together with the date on which that money was withdrawn, or the date of its return.

Commencement Information

I110 Sch. 4 para. 7 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

8. A record of all valuables deposited by a child and the date of their return.

Commencement Information

I111 Sch. 4 para. 8 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

9. Records of all accounts kept in the children's home.

Commencement Information

I112 Sch. 4 para. 9 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

10. A record of menus served.

Commencement Information

I113 Sch. 4 para. 10 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

11. A record, in accordance with regulation 17(4), of every disciplinary measure imposed on a child.

Commencement Information

I114 Sch. 4 para. 11 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

12. Records of all staff duty rosters, and a record of the actual rosters worked.

Commencement Information

I115 Sch. 4 para. 12 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

13. A daily log of events occurring in the home.

Commencement Information

I116 Sch. 4 para. 13 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

14. A record of all visitors to the home and to children accommodated in the home, including the names of visitors and the reasons for the visit.

Commencement Information

I117 Sch. 4 para. 14 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

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SCHEDULE 5

Regulation 29(1)

EVENTS AND NOTIFICATIONS

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C5 Sch. 5 applied (with modifications) (1.4.2002) by [The Care Homes \(Wales\) Regulations 2002 \(S.I. 2002/324\)](#), regs. 1(1), **33(2)**

Commencement Information

I118 Sch. 5 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Column 1	Column 2				
<i>Event:</i>	<i>To be notified to:</i>				
	Appropriate office of the National Assembly	Placing authority	Local authority in whose area the home is situated	Appro private police officer	Health authority in whose area the home is situated
Death of a child accommodated in the home	yes	yes	yes		yes
Referral to the Secretary of State pursuant to section 2(1) (a) of the Protection of Children Act 1999(29) of an individual working at the home	yes	yes			
Serious illness or serious accident sustained by a child accommodated in the home	yes	yes			
Occurrence of infectious disease which in the opinion of a registered medical practitioner	yes	yes			yes

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Column 1 <i>Event:</i>	Column 2 <i>To be notified to:</i>				
	Appropriate office of the National Assembly	Placing authority	Local authority in whose area the home is situated	Appro private police officer	Health authority in whose area the home is situated
attending at the home is sufficiently serious to be so notified					
Allegation that a child accommodated at the home has committed a serious offence	yes		yes		
Involvement or suspected involvement of a child accommodated at the home in prostitution	yes	yes	yes	yes	
Serious incident necessitating calling the police to the home	yes	yes			
Absconding by a child accommodated at the home		yes			
Any serious complaint about the home or persons working there	yes	yes			
Instigation and subsequent outcome of any child protection enquiry involving a child	yes	yes			

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Column 1	Column 2				
<i>Event:</i>	<i>To be notified to:</i>				
	Appropriate office of the National Assembly	Placing authority	Local authority in whose area the home is situated	Appro private police officer	Health authority in whose area the home is situated
accommodated at the home					

SCHEDULE 6

Regulation 33(1)

MATTERS TO BE MONITORED AND REVIEWED BY THE REGISTERED PERSON

1. In respect of each child accommodated in the children’s home, compliance with the placing authority’s plan for the care of the child (where applicable) and the placement plan.

Commencement Information

I119 Sch. 6 para. 1 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

2. The deposit and issue of money and other valuables handed in for safekeeping.

Commencement Information

I120 Sch. 6 para. 2 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

3. Daily menus.

Commencement Information

I121 Sch. 6 para. 3 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

4. All accidents and injuries sustained in the home or by children accommodated there.

Commencement Information

I122 Sch. 6 para. 4 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

5. Any illnesses of children accommodated in the home.

Commencement Information

I123 Sch. 6 para. 5 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

6. Complaints in relation to children accommodated in the home and their outcomes.

Commencement Information

I124 Sch. 6 para. 6 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

7. Any allegations or suspicions of abuse in respect of children accommodated in the home and the outcome of any investigation.

Commencement Information

I125 Sch. 6 para. 7 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

8. Staff recruitment records and conduct of required checks for new workers in the home.

Commencement Information

I126 Sch. 6 para. 8 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

9. Visitors to the home and to children in the home.

Commencement Information

I127 Sch. 6 para. 9 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

10. Notifications of the events listed in Schedule 5.

Commencement Information

I128 Sch. 6 para. 10 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

11. Any unauthorised absence from the home of a child accommodated there.

Commencement Information

I129 Sch. 6 para. 11 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

12. The use of measures of control, restraint and discipline in respect of children accommodated in the home.

Commencement Information

I130 Sch. 6 para. 12 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

13. Risk assessments for health and safety purposes and subsequent action taken.

Commencement Information

I131 Sch. 6 para. 13 in force at 1.4.2002, see **reg. 1(1)**

14. Medicines, medical treatment and first aid administered to any child accommodated in the home.

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Commencement Information

I132 Sch. 6 para. 14 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

15. In the case of a qualifying school, the standards of educational provision.

Commencement Information

I133 Sch. 6 para. 15 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

16. Duty rosters of persons working at the home, and the rosters actually worked.

Commencement Information

I134 Sch. 6 para. 16 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

17. The home's daily log of events.

Commencement Information

I135 Sch. 6 para. 17 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

18. Fire drills and tests of alarms and of fire equipment.

Commencement Information

I136 Sch. 6 para. 18 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

19. Records of appraisals of employees.

Commencement Information

I137 Sch. 6 para. 19 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

20. Minutes of staff meetings.

Commencement Information

I138 Sch. 6 para. 20 in force at 1.4.2002, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations are made under the Care Standards Act 2000 (“the Act”) and apply in relation to children’s homes in Wales. Parts I and II of the Act provide for the National Assembly for Wales, in relation to Wales, to register and inspect establishments and agencies. The Act also provides for the Assembly to make regulations governing the conduct of establishments and agencies in relation to Wales. The majority of Parts I and II of the Act (in so far as not already in force) will be brought into force on 1st April 2002.

These new arrangements replace the statutory system in relation to children’s homes provided for by the Children Act 1989, and these Regulations supersede the Children’s Homes Regulations 1991 (as amended) in so far as they apply to Wales.

Regulation 3 excludes certain establishments from the definition of a children’s home under section 1 of the Act. These include establishments providing short-term overnight care, holidays, or other activities for less than 28 days a year in relation to any one child, and a wide range of establishments providing accommodation for those aged 16 or over unless, in either case, the establishment mainly accommodates children who are disabled or otherwise fall within the descriptions in section 3(2) of the Act. Further education colleges and establishments for young offenders are also excluded.

Under regulation 4, each home must have a statement of purpose consisting of the matters set out in Schedule 1, and a children’s guide to the home. The home must be carried on in a manner which is consistent with the statement of purpose.

Regulations 6 to 10 make provision about the persons carrying on or managing the home, and require satisfactory information to be available in relation to the matters prescribed in Schedule 2. Where the provider is an organisation, it must nominate a responsible individual in respect of whom this information must be available (regulation 6). Regulation 7 prescribes the circumstances where a manager must be appointed for the home, and regulation 9 imposes general requirements in relation to the proper conduct of the home, and the need for appropriate training.

Part III makes provision about the conduct of children’s homes, in particular as to child protection, welfare, health, education and religious observance, arrangements for contact and visitors, the management of behaviour, and the use of surveillance devices. Provision is also made about the staffing of homes, and the fitness of workers, and about complaints, record keeping and notification of the events listed in Schedule 5.

Part IV makes provision about the suitability of premises, and the fire precautions to be taken. Part V deals with the management of children’s homes. Regulation 33 requires the registered provider to visit the home as prescribed, and regulation 34 requires the registered person to review and monitor the matters set out in Schedule 6 relating to the quality of care provided by the home. Regulation 36 imposes requirements relating to the home’s financial position.

Part VI deals with miscellaneous matters including the giving of notices to the National Assembly. Regulation 41 provides for offences. A breach of the regulations specified in regulation 41 may found an offence on the part of the registered person. Regulation 42 allows the Assembly to specify offices in parts of Wales for the giving of notices to it under the regulations.

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