

Butterfly House Statement of Purpose

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BUTTERFLY HOUSE – STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Butterfly House's Statement of Purpose is written in accordance with the Regulatory requirements of the Quality Standards for Children's Homes 2015 and the Children's Homes Regulations 2015

Butterfly House's policies and procedures are referred to within this document and are available in full at Butterfly House or upon request.

A copy of this Statement of Purpose is provided to Ofsted and is also available on our web site at www.jandrcareltd.co.uk. It will also be provided to:

1. Each person who works at Butterfly House
2. Each young person accommodated at Butterfly House
3. All parents/ persons with parental responsibility of any young person accommodated at Butterfly House
4. The Local Authority or placing authority of any young person accommodated at Butterfly House
5. The host local authority to Butterfly House

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QUALITY AND PURPOSE OF CARE

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| 1. A statement of the range of needs of the children for whom it is intended that the children's home is to provide care |
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Butterfly House provides for up to 4 children presenting with a range of emotional and behavioural difficulties who are being looked after by their Local Authorities. We can look after male or female children between 8-18 years of age. We are a medium to long term home and will endeavour to meet the complex needs of children who have experienced extreme early trauma.

Impact assessments will be undertaken with regard to the children already living in the home when looking at a new referral. All of the children we look after are vulnerable and we try to provide a safe and secure environment for children to develop and grow. Most children we work with present with behaviour that can be difficult and we work with clearly defined boundaries in a nurturing way to help them become better at expressing their feelings without the need for violence and aggression. The staff at the home have a shared understanding of the Residential task and are continually increasing their knowledge in this area.

The staff team are committed to working with the unconscious processes which take place with this child group and have the capacity to contain the powerful emotions, which lead to their not being able to deal with their emotions in a conventional way and may act angrily. We believe that how children live together within the home forms an important part of their development and good role modelling from those adults around them is essential in this

learning process. In addition to this we work closely with Independent therapists who can assess and offer different kinds of therapy dependent on the individual needs of the child.

We provide intensive care in a space where children can express themselves in a way that is not always acceptable within the wider community and yet remain safely contained by staff. It is preferred that children who are referred to us are admitted in a planned way, including pre-admission visits to the home so that they can meet other children already living there and the current residents can also meet them.

All children who are placed at Butterfly House will receive support to access appropriate full-time education as outlined in their Education, Health, Care Plan (EHCP) or Local Authority Care Plan. Typically, the young people we look after tend to have missed large chunks of formal education either through exclusion or ongoing mental health issues. With this in mind, we have sourced a number of Special Schools in the local area, rated as 'Good' or 'Outstanding' who may provide appropriate support to the young people we look after. Staff will support and encourage young people to achieve academically through fostering a positive attitude to learning, getting young people to school on time and supporting young people with homework etc. We will also undertake to support the wider general education of young people through the provision of a broad range of outings to places of cultural and historic interest.

In the future we hope to be able to provide an education provision on site in order to broaden the range of appeal we have to commissioners for our services.

We work in partnership with the placing authorities and parents to ensure that all the children's health, care and education needs are met and as such The Registered Manager and staff team work closely with social workers and parents in a professional capacity to support and help them to understand the work we are doing. The children's family are welcomed at the home to visit and are actively included in periodic social functions for example, birthday celebrations, BBQ's, presentation awards, Christmas parties.

We undertake work with children with a range of behaviours including sexually problematic behaviour. This is approached in the belief that most problematic behaviour in children stems from a lack of positive structure, poor boundary setting and possible exposure to inappropriate adult behaviour - including a range of physical, sexual and emotional abuse.

We try not to stigmatise sexualised behaviour and attempt to differentiate between normal and problematic sexualised acts through bespoke training with the staff, consultation with external professionals and therapy with our Specialist Child and Adolescent Psychotherapist. In our experience sexually problematic behaviour will diminish within the wider context of providing positive provision across health, education and care.

Specific techniques we use when dealing with some of the above:

- Key working
- De brief following incidents
- External referrals to substance misuse professionals

- Bullying workshops
- Daily house meetings
- Training in attachment theory and unconscious processes

We employ a Tavistock trained consultant psychotherapist who is available to all staff each week to help them to understand their role and deal with the projected feelings they experience while working in this environment.

The management have an understanding of group dynamics and the effect this can have on all within the home. We are committed to working to enable us to deliver the most consistent quality of care. We offer opportunities to the children we care for to develop secure attachments with particular adults through the key worker system and recognise the need for as little disruption in this area as possible.

Our hope is that the work we do will enable the children to recover from their past negative experiences and hopefully move on from us, whether to family placements or independence with a feeling of being genuinely cared for and thought about.

While we recognise that for many children, growing up in a family environment is the best outcome, we also recognise that for some children this is not possible and, in this respect, long term residential care is a preferred option.

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2. Details of the children's homes ethos and the outcomes that the children's home seeks to achieve and its approach to achieving them

We work tirelessly with vulnerable children who need to live in an environment that is non abusive and that is honest and respectful and fun with adults that can survive their destructive behaviours and understand how their past experiences have impacted their lives and help build their self-esteem and enable them to go on to lead healthy and happy lives.

Aims

- To provide a living environment for vulnerable children where it is understood that honesty and mutual respect is imperative to a happy and healthy home.
- To actively support the positive achievement of academic progress through staff having a clear understanding of the barriers to learning which may exist for the children we look after and to foster a belief in the value of education.
- To live in an environment that promotes health and well-being and helps children develop personal and social skills.
- To provide opportunities for children to learn essential life, independence and transition to work skills
- To ensure that all children's cultural and identity needs are met through appropriate assessment and provision and where necessary including outside agencies
- Employ staff who are committed to do the work necessary involved in caring for these disadvantaged children after they have been endlessly assessed in other environments.

- Employ staff who are able to survive the aggressive and destructive behaviours which have ended past placements.
- To help build positive and secure attachments with adults who do not abuse them and who enjoy and want to look after them.
- Continually learn to work therapeutically with the children and nurture them unconditionally.
- To apply clearly defined boundaries for children to feel safe and ensure that their day has structure and meaning.
- To be committed to challenging anti-social and delinquent behaviour.
- To ensure that everyone who works at Butterfly House believe that all children have a voice and should be heard.

All children, whatever their age, culture, race, religion or disabilities have a right to:

- Be treated as individuals
- Be consulted about things that affect them
- An Education
- Develop their own talents, interests and links with the community
- Stability and security
- Protection
- Equality of opportunity
- Good health care
- Respect for their values and beliefs

In addition, we listen to the children and have taken seriously the child's view as identified at The Children's Rights Conference 2005 that children should:

- Be Happy
- Have enough food and drink
- Stay in contact with family
- Have friends
- Have fun
- Experience love
- Receive respect

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- 3. A description of the accommodation offered by the children's home including:**
- a) How accommodation has been adapted to the needs of the children cared for by the children's home**
 - b) The age range, number and sex of the children for whom it is intended that accommodation is to be provided**
 - c) The type of accommodation, including sleeping accommodation**

Butterfly House Children's Home is a private home. We offer 52-week care placements for up to 4 children between the ages of 8 and 18 years old, male or female.

It is a detached house with 4 bedrooms (all with en suite bath/shower room), and a separate WC, a large open plan kitchen, living and dining room which we feel helps with supervision of the young people without them feeling they are being watched all of the time, a staff office, a staff sleep in suite and a large garden; there is a large front driveway for car parking.

The ground floor comprises of a spacious entrance hall, kitchen, utility room, lounge and dining room and a WC

On the first floor, there are three bedrooms, all with en suites and an activity room.

On the second floor there is a further 2 bedrooms with en suite, and a staff office and a staff sleep in en suite room.

The home is well furnished and tastefully decorated throughout. Due to the unsettled behaviour of some of the young people we care for, the house can be subject to needing repairs regularly. We try our best to ensure the home is maintained to its highest level and believe that it is important that the home is as homely as possible and well decorated with nice things in it.

The young people's bedrooms consist of: A double bed, a television with free view and DVD player, a wardrobe with attached shelving and a desk for private study. Depending on the age of the young person and risk assessments some young people have access to the internet through lap tops. To ensure that the children in the home are safe online, the IT technician will put in place parental restrictions on the connection. This is for protection and the children will be made aware of the parental restrictions on line when they move into Butterfly House. This will also link in with the policy and procedure that is available in relation to online safety.

The open plan communal area consists of: A large television with Sky TV, a spacious seating area, a dining area and kitchen. A selection of DVD's. A games console with a selection of games.

The Kitchen consists of: A fully fitted kitchen with multi-function ovens and a hob cooker, an American style double fridge/freezer, a microwave, a dishwasher, a kettle, all utensils and cookware that is required in a kitchen for preparing and cooking meals. There is also a centrally located breakfast bar which young people can sit around with staff at various times.

The Dining area consists of: Dining Table and Chairs and sofa.

The Garden consists of: A large Grassed area and decked area for BBQ's and socialising.

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4. A description of the location of the children's home

Butterfly House is a Children's Home, situated in a quiet residential area of Crowborough, near Tunbridge Wells.

Some of the attractions around Butterfly House are:

- Drusillas Park
- Urban Jump – Trampoline Park
- Bowles Rocks – Activity Centre where the kids would be able to access rock climbing, skiing and Snowboarding,
- Bewl Water – water games, fishing, cycling
- Uckfield Leisure Centre- swimming and sports centre
- Crowborough leisure centre
- Arena Pursuits – activity centre, quad bikes, paint balling
- Fun Abounds Trampoline centre – Trampoline park
- Wellgrove farm stables – horse riding
- Hollywood bowl Tunbridge wells – Bowling
- Go Ape Bedgebury
- Cinemas
- National parks
- Scouts camps

The above are a small example of the attractions and activities that the children living at Butterfly House will have access to and be supported in taking part. Each activity will be risk assessed for the individual and steps will be taken to ensure inclusion when the child shows an interest.

A location safety assessment is undertaken each year and any risks identified.

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5. The arrangements for supporting the cultural, linguistic and religious needs of children accommodated in the children's home

Butterfly House is a place where everyone must agree to respect their own and other people's ethnicity, culture, race, sexual orientation and religion.

Butterfly House acknowledges the importance of enabling children to practice their religious beliefs and the faith of their choice. Staff recognise the important source of strength, inspiration and comfort that religious faith can bring and its importance to children's concept of self-identity and ability to make sense of their experience, when they have been separated from so many aspects of their life.

It is equally important that staff recognise a child's right not to have a religious faith, or their wish not to practice their faith.

On admission, if they wish, each child will be provided with a religious book of their choice. They will be provided with any other article necessary for the practice of their religious faith e.g. prayers mat.

Staff are committed to ensuring that links are made with appropriate places of worship with the child's knowledge and co-operation. Religious celebrations are observed in ways that residents feel comfortable with and any religious requirements e.g. dress, diet etc. will be accommodated as required.

Wherever possible dietary requirements will be met according to race, culture or religion. Placing authorities are required to give full account of such needs upon/prior to admission to enable forward and appropriate planning. Where necessary an independent assessor may be brought to advise on such issues as healthcare, personal care and diet/menu preparation of food. The home budget allows for specific products to be purchased as necessary to cater for specific hair/skin routines.

Butterfly House may also enlist the services of an independent visitor with similar ethnicity in an effort to meet cultural need and may develop links with local community groups as appropriate to foster relationships with children of similar cultural backgrounds.

Statutory reviews and admission documents should accurately reflect any such identified needs and care plans should reflect issues of dress, meal choice, cultural expression, religious expression, customs and celebrations.

We try at Butterfly House to foster a homely environment, which is multi-cultural. It is expected that the staff team at Butterfly House work in a respectful and harmonious manner and will challenge offensive language or behaviour on the basis of race, culture, gender, sexual orientation or religion. We hope that the residents will follow these positive role models.

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6. Details of who to contact if a person has a complaint about the home and how that person can access the home's complaints policy

Butterfly House operates a Complaints Policy and procedures which is available on our web site, in the home and on request. The policy is for anyone, including the young people to raise

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any concerns or grievances they have over any aspect of Butterfly House's care of young people. The homes procedures are additional to and do not replace other avenues of complaint, i.e. Ofsted Inspectors and the procedures for placing authorities.

The procedure covers:

- Any feature relating to the care of the child accommodated by Butterfly House
- The right of the child to be listened to and the right to receive an appropriate response to a request.
- The right to be involved in any decision-making process which affects them.

It also covers any queries which then become complaints, regardless of the source from which they appear.

The procedure does not cover

- Staff grievance/disciplinary procedure (for which there are separate guidelines). It may well prove that some disciplinary procedures start as a result of a complaint, but they will be dealt with separately to the complaint to ensure positive handling.
- Complaints made to other organisations or people or where other legal procedures follow, e.g. Court

Who may Complain/Compliment:

- Any child who is presently accommodated by J&R Care Ltd (A complaint may also be made on behalf of the child by any other 'significant' person who has sufficient interest in the child's welfare, e.g. parent, relative, friend, carer, social worker etc.)
- A social worker
- Any staff member or visitor or parent/carer if they are worried about the care of a child or the service that is being provided.

These complaints will be checked with the child to ensure that they reflect the child's views and that they are in agreement to the person making the complaint acting on their behalf.

Informal Complaints

It is envisaged that most questions or queries relating to any feature of care of a child accommodated by J&R Care Ltd would, in the first instance, be addressed to the staff on duty at the time. The majority of them will be dealt with to the satisfaction of all concerned. There may be some however, which are not and may at this stage be identified as a formal complaint. Where this element of dissatisfaction arises the complainant will be advised by staff of their right to make a formal complaint and how it will be dealt with. However all

complaints made by a child or on behalf of a child will be logged on the ClearCare system under their records and acted on.

Formal Complaints

STAGE 1: In the first instance these will be dealt with by the Registered Manager /Safeguarding Lead, Elvira Panxha. The complaints will be recorded along with any actions previously taken if it was dealt with informally in the first instance. The manager will then make a decision. The manager will deal with any complaint within 5 days of receiving it (unless a child's safety is in jeopardy in which case she will deal with the complaint immediately)

If the complainant is not satisfied with the decision from the manager/Safeguarding Lead:

STAGE 2: The complaint will be passed to the Safeguarding Director, Jane Parish, who will investigate the complaint and make a decision. Any complaint passed to the Director will be dealt with within 5 days from receiving the complaint. The Safeguarding Director's word is final.

At any stage the children/ young people living at the home are able to contact the Safeguarding Director on a number that has been shared with them. Jane will speak to the child and if she feels it is appropriate to deal with the complaint instead of passing back to the Safeguarding lead, she will. This would normally be in the case of the complaint involving the Safeguarding Lead. If she feels that it is a complaint that should be dealt with through this policy, she will tell the child that she has taken a note of their complaint and ask them to speak to the Safeguarding lead. The Safeguarding Director will then follow up this complaint with the Safeguarding Lead to see what has been done with the complaint and that it has been addressed in the correct way.

AT ANY TIME A CHILD OR STAFF MEMBER CAN MAKE A COMPLAINT TO OFSTED IF THEY WISH TO, THE CONTACT DETAILS ARE BELOW:

Ofsted
Piccadilly Gate
Store Street
Manchester
M1 2WD

Phone: 0300 123 1231
Email: enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk
www.ofsted.gov.uk

Monitoring

All stages of the procedure will be recorded in writing along with any subsequent action taken and the outcomes of each complaint. The complainant will be consulted with during this process

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7. Details of how a person, body or organisation involved in the care or protection of a child can access the home's Child Protection policies or the behaviour management policy
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Butterfly House is committed to the safety and protection of all children and young people living in the home. We strive to ensure the provision of a safe and secure environment in which children and young people can develop educationally, socially and emotionally, safe from fear and free from harm.

This policy and procedure document is a way of demonstrating that we understand our responsibilities towards keeping children safe and that we have measures and systems in place to maximise the effectiveness of our work. In order to fulfil our commitment to safeguard and promote the welfare of children we have in place:

- Clear priorities for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children explicitly stated in key policy documents;
- There is a commitment by senior management to the importance of safeguarding and promoting children's welfare and this is demonstrated in practice.
- A culture of listening to and engaging in dialogue with children – seeking their views in ways appropriate to their age and understanding, and taking account of those both in individual decisions and the development and improvement of services;
- Recruitment and human resources management procedures, including contractual arrangements, that take account of the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people, including arrangements for appropriate checks on new staff and volunteers and adoption of best practice in the recruitment of new staff and volunteers;
- A clear understanding of how to work together to help keep children and young people safe online by being adequately equipped to understand, identify and mitigate the risks of new technology;
- Procedures are in place to guide all staff for dealing with allegations of abuse against members of staff and volunteers
- Arrangements to ensure that all staff undertake appropriate training to equip them to carry out their responsibilities effectively, and keep this up to date by refresher training at regular intervals; and that all staff, including temporary staff (including agency staff) and volunteers who work with children, are made aware of both the homes arrangements and their responsibilities for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children;
- Policies are in place for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, including a child protection policy, effective complaints procedures and procedures that are in

accordance with Local Safeguarding Children's Board and the Local Safeguarding Children's boards of the local authorities who commission us.

We have a full Safeguarding policy available on request and includes:

- Child Protection Policy and Procedures including Dealing with allegations
- Bullying
- Recruitment of staff
- Whistleblowing
- Children Missing from Care
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Preventing Extremism and radicalisation

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VIEWS, WISHES AND FEELINGS

8. A description of the children's homes policy and approach to consulting children about the quality of their care

Children and, where appropriate, their families will be consulted and involved in the decisions that affect their lives. Consultation and decision-making processes will be recorded within the child's file and in their Placement Plan. There needs to be a variety of ways or systems in which consultation, participation and involvement can take place.

These will include written agreements, individual interviews, key worker sessions, children meetings or house/ group meetings, consultation meetings with Directors. The ways in which children are helped to participate will take account of their background. Particular attention will be given to gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion, language and culture and the needs that may arise from these dimensions within a child's life.

All consultation, participation and involvement systems and processes will take place at regular and frequent intervals and it will not be taken for granted that children's views are known already or indeed, that they are not important, or relevant. For instance, staff need to use the systems, mentioned earlier, including children's group meetings and one to one sessions. Further, staff need to ensure children are aware and able to access an advocate.

Routine practices will not develop in the home, which result in the assumption that children no longer need to be consulted or involved. If and when any changes and developments are being planned children must be consulted about these. All significant views, discussions and decisions should be recorded accurately and promptly within children's individual files and/or minutes from children's group meetings.

There will be appropriate and regular systems in place for feeding back from consultation processes to children and their families. These will include the children's group meeting,

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family meetings, individual meetings with children and any particular consultation sessions set up for particular purposes (eg: service developments, interview panels for new staff). The person(s) providing feedback will vary according to content and context but this should be decided and agreed at the start of the consultation process.

When it is not appropriate to involve and consult with a child's family (for instance because this compromises the welfare of a child) the reason for this should be explained to the child and a record of this should be placed within the confidential section on the child's master file. The social worker for the child should advise staff about exactly what information needs to be included and how this is recorded. All staff need to be made aware of such decisions.

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<p>9. A description of the children's homes policy and approach in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Anti – discriminatory practice in respect of children and their families andb) Children's rights

Butterfly House does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, colour, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. These activities include, but are not limited to, hiring and firing of staff, selection of volunteers and vendors, and provision of services to children and young people. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members of our staff, visitors, volunteers, subcontractors, and children and young people and their families.

In 1989, governments worldwide promised all children the same rights by adopting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, also known as the CRC or UNCRC. The Convention changed the way children are viewed and treated – in other words, as human beings with a distinct set of rights instead of as passive objects of care and charity.

These rights describe what a child needs to survive, grow, and live up to their potential in the world. They apply equally to every child, no matter who they are or where they come from. All children have rights.

All staff working at Butterfly House undertake training in Children's Rights. Children's Rights are explained to the children and young people living at Butterfly House and they are enshrined in all policy and practice.

We value diversity at Butterfly House. All staff are trained in understanding diversity and equal opportunities. The young people are encouraged to embrace differences and different cultures and to this end we celebrate all different cultures together. We use food, visits to places of cultural interests and discussions to enhance learning.

Any discrimination would be treated seriously and not tolerated.

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EDUCATION

10. Details of provision to support children with Special Educational Needs

All Children admitted to the home will be referred to local Special Schools in the area to support their needs in line with their Education Health Care Plan or Local Authority Care Plan. The Registered Manager will seek to support a positive match for the children placed with us in a School with either 'Good' or 'Outstanding' Status.

We will utilise the expertise of our own educational consultants (SENCO, Literacy and Numeracy Specialist and Headteacher of our Kent school) to determine what is a positive match for the child at the point of referral and start to approach local schools for a place.

Where suitable we would also look to mainstream provision in the local area to provide full time education if the child being referred was capable of managing in a mainstream setting.

Care staff would provide support to our young people in the place of education through positive advocacy, attendance at PEPs and parents evenings etc. They would also promote the benefits of achieving academic success and support homework and wider learning both formal and informal.

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11. If the children's home is registered as a school, details of the curriculum provided by the home and the management and structure of the arrangements for education

N/A at this time.

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12. If the children's home is not registered as a school, the arrangements for children to attend local schools and the provision made by the children's home to promote children's educational achievement

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Butterfly House will actively promote the education of children as an essential part of their preparation for adulthood. J&R Care recognise that many children experience difficulties in their lives', which has a detrimental effect on all aspects of their lives. The child, due to unavoidable circumstances, sometimes neglects education. Therefore, prior to admission, Education needs are fully discussed and planned, where possible and so all efforts are made to establish an educational history before the placement begins.

J&R Care will promote and support the educational attainment of the child throughout the time they live with us. This will be implemented by:

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Sourcing a New External School Provision:

- Then Supporting the Children by facilitating their prompt arrival with the necessary school equipment and the requisite support as determined by that school to help the child make positive educational progress in line with their ability and understanding
- All J&R Care educational input will take into consideration and work with the Child's EHC Plan, Local Authority Care Plan and PEP (Personal Educational Plan) arrangements.
- All Children will be provided with private facilities that are conducive to study and to do homework and will be actively encouraged and supported in doing so. This includes the use of books, computers and library membership.
- Teaching the children within our setting by our qualified teachers until our school is fully registered.

For children already in an external education Setting, whether it be mainstream or pupil referral unit:

- all staff will continue to support the Child to be able to maintain this programme of learning. The child's key worker will actively take part in school activities, i.e. open day, school plays, sports days, etc.
- While assessing the child's needs, the key worker will incorporate various learning programmes, e.g. helping with homework, bedtime reading, educational games, social skills (this will include encouraging the child to find and help with hobbies, youth clubs, sports and other interests)

Butterfly House will Promote positive outcomes in Education by:

- Accessing good quality local Schools / Special Schools.
- Promoting high expectations of educational standards and individual achievement.
- Ensure that education is provided in line with the individual education plan for each child, which will be reviewed each term and reported to the social worker/parents and purchaser on a minimum of an annual basis.
- Encourage the child to be fully involved in the process, both in terms of his/her individual educational plan, his/her annual review and his/her work towards a nationally accredited record of achievement.
- Encourage individuals to do 'work at home'

Promote features of good parenting in respect of schooling. These would include:

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- The setting of an appropriate framework of expectation for behaviour, time keeping, peer group associations and school work.
- The provision of continuity of relationships with adult key workers
- The establishment and maintenance of communication with the school and education providers as would be expected of a caring parent.
- Provide a commitment to invest effort, time and the adoption of policies, which promote a long-term interest in the child's educational career and the outcomes, including transition to the next phase of the individual's life, as any interested, caring parent would.
- To ensure that a review of school progress should be a part of each child care plan.
- To ensure that care staff take an interest on a daily basis in the child's work at school and provide support and encouragement to individuals as necessary at home.
- To be sensitive to the need of the child to integrate within their school, so as to be seen by their peers and staff as a normal member of the school community.

Further Education

When a child reaches 16 years of age, Butterfly House staff will support efforts for them to advance into further education provisions, such as college, that are a suitable match for the assessed academic needs and interests of the child at that time. The child's existing school provision will obviously be maintained if they are able to offer continuity of education at an appropriate level to challenge the young person.

The child's social worker will also be involved in this consultation process as appropriate.

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ENJOYMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT

13. The arrangement for enabling children to take part in and benefit from a variety of activities' that meet their needs and develop and reflect their creative, intellectual, physical and social interests and skills

There is plenty of opportunity for children to engage in a range of leisure and activity pursuits.

Staff and children are involved and engage together in discussion, consultation and decision making, in relation to the overall running of the home and more specifically to plan leisure, activities, special events and holidays and outings. For instance, through children's meetings and one to one sessions.

The particular interests and talents of individual children should be considered within the individual Placement Plan. This should include ways in which the child will be supported to pursue their interests and talents.

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Children are helped and encouraged to engage in leisure and other activities that promote a positive involvement with the cultural, ethnic, religious and language heritages to which they belong. This should also be seen as an opportunity to celebrate diversity and help other children from different backgrounds to learn about difference in positive and enjoyable ways.

Staff also engage in leisure and other activities, alongside children, whenever it is appropriate to do so.

The staff team, in consultation with children, address ways in which to achieve a balance between 'controlled' and 'free' time within the overall structure of the day.

Any activities that children engage in must take into account the safety of the child.

Any high-risk activity that the child chooses to pursue, for instance rock climbing or horse riding must be supervised by a qualified person.

The recreational use of videos and computer games should be age appropriate. Therefore, individual arrangements will need to be made in order to allow access to videos for older children that are not appropriate for the younger ones. Such arrangements will need to be made through individual and group discussions.

With ever increasing access to the internet, the home will need to work out ways in which to reduce the risk of children accessing websites and individual or network predator's, perpetrators of child sexual abuse, who use the internet as a means of gaining access to children. (See Internet policy)

Whenever possible, children are encouraged and supported to engage in community-based activities within the locality of the home. This should also extend to helping, whenever possible; children to make friendships outside, as well as inside, the home.

This also includes ensuring that appropriate friends are welcome to visit the child in their home.

Any transport used by the home is well maintained and should not be distinguished from any other car or bus.

In line with our aims and objectives we aim to provide the children with a range of experiences through activities and holiday's.

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HEALTH

14. Details of any health care or therapy provided, including:

- a) Details of the qualifications and professional supervision of the staff involved in providing any health care or therapy**
- b) Information about how the effectiveness of any health care or therapy provided is measured, the evidence demonstrating its effectiveness and details of how the information on the evidence can be assessed.**

We are constantly auditing our Be Healthy programme in our home and ensuring that all children who live there have their health needs met.

We ensure that on admission to the home we have a comprehensive background on all of the child's health needs, including all medical history, any allergies, all hearing, optical and dental records and the history of any specific therapies needed.

In addition to the above we work with the Child's care plan and formulate our own in-house Health Plan for each child, which includes their physical and emotional health and personal and social skills requirements.

We recognise that many children who come to us will not be thinking about their health and in fact in a lot of instances will be subconsciously trying to sabotage their health.

We have 6 basic rules that each child is encouraged to adhere to from day one of their placement which helps formulate the first part of their health plan:

1. Every child must have a bath or shower each day and clean their teeth in the morning and evening.
2. No child is allowed to smoke on or in the grounds of the home.
3. All children have introductory checks with our local GP, Dentist, Optician
4. All children, together with staff in daily house meetings, decide on the menu for the next week and it must include all of the healthy eating options/food groups that a child needs to thrive. Diversity and culture are embraced and the children have the opportunity to eat and cook culturally diverse food.
5. All children are told from the beginning of their placement that they have access to a child psychotherapist if they want to talk to somebody and an Independent visitor will visit them once a month and talk to them about how they view the home, its staff and the way we are caring for them.
6. The health needs of children from minority ethnic, racial and cultural groups are given specific attention. In order to address and support any specialist needs, staff whenever necessary, seek specialist help.

Children with particular health needs or a disability are provided with appropriate support and help the key worker for the child ensures that they closely liaise with the health professionals and seek both guidance and direction on any specific and particular health needs.

All children are helped to understand the particular health risks associated with smoking, alcohol and other substance use. How this information and awareness building is done will be dependent upon the age and understanding of the child. We have a drugs and alcohol advisor who visits the home regularly.

Children are also provided with the appropriate advice and support in relation to sexual education and sexual health matters. Again, consistent with the age and understanding of each child, the LAC nurse visits with the children as a group and on an individual basis to discuss matters relating to sexual health.

Issues of personal hygiene are addressed in a sensitive and proactive way within an overall atmosphere that helps children build and develop a positive self-image

Therapeutic Input

Training

The Managing Director and Head of Education and Training both have the Certificate in Therapeutic Child Care and Education

All staff are trained in Therapeutic Practice as part of their CPD

Psychotherapy

The structure of psychotherapy at Butterfly House is defined by the therapist being an independent practitioner working 1:1 with the young people, contributing to their Personal Educational Plans (PEPs) and Child in Care (CIC) reviews, occasionally contributing to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) reviews but otherwise not being part of the day to day care of the young people.

The aim of introducing psychotherapy is to offer an adapted model to engage young people previously hostile towards CAMHS and rejecting of therapeutic intervention. The young people will often arrive at Butterfly House with combinations of diagnoses including attachment disorders, conduct disorders, anger management difficulties, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and/or diagnosed or suspected Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Less frequently identified but most likely to be present is severe anxiety disorders rooted in the experience of multiple traumas and changes in care-giver and possibly linked to childhood Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. They commonly share histories of neglect, physical abuse and complex and ongoing family difficulties or breakdown which mean that developmental histories are usually incomplete or unavailable. Frequently there have been multiple involvements with the police and with social services for the young person and/or their families, as well as multiple breakdowns of educational, fostering or other residential provision. Often the educational attainment level of the young people on arrival is well behind their chronological age and there may have been a longstanding non-engagement with education. It should also be noted that while placements at Butterfly House are intended to be long term, other factors in the care/network system inevitably results in periodic

uncertainty as placement decisions are reviewed within Social Service departments as well as within the CIC review based system. This of course directly affects the willingness of young people to engage in longer term work.

Psychotherapy takes place in the context of the young people hearing about it in the first instance from the management team at Butterfly House. They can then discuss it with their key workers and management prior to a meeting between the young person and the psychotherapist with a member of staff present. This is designed to lead to a planned period of assessment – three once weekly sessions to be followed by a written psychotherapy report, discussion between psychotherapist and the management team and by them with the young people. This allows the psychotherapist to understand some of the complex factors defining the young person's perceptions of their world and to allow them to have some experience of what psychotherapy might involve. Young people are not obliged to attend, but if they refuse, they are expected to have some quiet time to themselves and not return to other activities until the psychotherapy session time is over.

Post –assessment discussion with the management is central to the process given the likely suspicion and uncertainty which the young people would be expected to direct towards the psychotherapy, and the need for the staff team to support them in thinking this through outside the therapy time.

Psychotherapy Evaluation

Given the need to evidence additional evaluation models the psychotherapist has used an adapted model of a simple research-based questionnaire to help gather information about the young people's engagement in therapy, the changes hoped for, and the perceptions of carers and psychotherapist as to such changes that are noted.

One highly problematic issue is that of the young people being very suspicious of unknown third parties having information regarding their psychotherapy or indeed being aware that they are attending psychotherapy at all; their insistence on confidentiality, in the context of suspicions about 'the system' has often been profound. Maintaining a therapeutic space for young people who resent the intrusion of the welfare system on their and their families' lives presents grave difficulties in establishing a workable protocol which would not be seen as intrusive and provoke rejection of both evaluation and possibly the psychotherapy.

A questionnaire has therefore been developed to gather the hopes and expectations of therapy as discussed between management and psychotherapist at the onset of psychotherapy provision. The questionnaire is designed to be revisited every six months with a rating of 1-5 to be given relative to the attainment of previous goals, and new goals identified or old goals to be maintained.

Reflective Space

These are fortnightly meetings which is a space for staff to reflect on their own feelings with regards to working in a residential home. The Registered Manager will chair these meetings.

Child Focus Meetings

These will take place fortnightly. At these meetings we will discuss the residents individually. The key worker should bring any relevant information to be shared with the staff team to these meetings. The meeting also serves as an informative forum for staff to collectively share their concerns and ideas around the residents. Our child psychotherapist attends these meetings and helps the staff to think through the care of their key child.

Reflective space with Consultant Psychotherapist

We employ the services of a Tavistock trained Independent Consultant Psychotherapist who is available to staff once a week to meet with individual key workers and individual staff and can be a space to discuss a child's care and help to guide the key worker in working with the child and also for staff to be able to reflect on any difficult situations/ feelings they find themselves dealing with during the course of their work.

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POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS**15. The arrangements for promoting contact between children and their family and friends**

Contact arrangements are discussed at the time when a child is admitted into the home and these arrangements should be recorded in the Placement Plan. If there are any child protection issues regarding the contact arrangements, these must be clearly recorded and communicated to all staff. Any restriction on contact arrangements, resulting out of the need to protect the child, must be clearly recorded and communicated to all staff. If there is a need for supervised contact in order to safeguard the child, the necessary arrangements must be clearly communicated and detailed.

Particular attention must be given to ensuring that all staff are aware of who has responsibility for supervising the contact and where contact will take place. All staff have a responsibility for encouraging, facilitating and providing the practical support in order that the agreed contact arrangements for children can take place.

A child may contact by telephone, family and social workers at any reasonable time unless restrictions apply from the placing authority. Telephone calls to/from relatives/ friends will not be encouraged prior to 3.30pm on school days unless in extenuating circumstances. A portable phone is available to residents for their use.

Visits to or from relatives are also permitted as often as is agreed by the placing authority and reasonable notice is given to enable this to occur. It is also expected that home policies will

be adhered to and the privacy of residents respected. A child's social worker may attend the home at any time without prior notice.

Visits or telephone calls to or from friends can be permitted as long as they do not disrupt the house rules and occur at reasonable time. This would also need to be approved by the placing authority. Arrangements for contact visits for children to visit their families will be made by staff in conjunction with the placing authority, parents and guardians. Likewise visits from social workers / guardians and independent visitors etc.

As these arrangements will form an integral part of the care plan, they are deemed of great importance and every effort will be made to prevent disruption of such visits. Contact visits will be arranged by mutual convenience and will only be restricted upon the advice of the placing authority. All contact will be monitored on the contact sheet.

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PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

16. A description of the homes approach to the surveillance and monitoring of children

Butterfly House works with a very high staff ratio. When there are 5 children in the home there will be 3 staff on shift in addition to management.

All staff are instructed to supervise the children and young people very closely but the extent this is necessary will be dependent on many factors:

1. The age, understanding and responsibility of the child or young person
2. Any behavioural issues the child or young person has
3. The agreement with the Local Authority
4. The length of time the child or young person has been at the home and how well the staff know them
5. The identified risks at the time, which is ongoing and can change from day to day

It is important that children and young people feel free and are not restricted and do not feel overly scrutinized. However, the child's safety will be paramount in making any decisions and will be considered in their placement and behavioural support plan.

If necessary and in agreement with the home's manager, children may be put on one to one staffing and this would be due to a risk assessment identifying safety concerns.

The ethos of Butterfly House is for staff to build positive relationships with the child or young person and as such will spend much of their time with them engaging in activities.

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17. Details of the children's home approach to behavioural support, including information about:

a) The children's homes approach to the use of restraint in relation to children

b) How persons working in the children's home are trained in the use of restraint and how their competence is assessed.

At Butterfly House we endeavour to work within certain boundaries. These are clearly explained to all children and young people prior to admission. To help with this we have a behaviour management policy which is set out below:

REWARD SYSTEM

Rationale

The purpose of the reward system is to improve the children's day to day behaviours in a way that they can be mindful of small achievements in various parts of their daily routine. Individual targets are discussed with the children and set.

Points given

Target One	5
Target Two	5
Target Three	5
Target Four	5

The children can earn up to 20 points each day. Reward points can be exchanged: 1 point = 10p

Things points can be used for:

- Trip to Alton Towers
- Music system
- Mobile phones
- CD's
- DVD's
- Play station/ Wii / X box and PSP games
- Bike (cycle)
- TV
- Day trips
- Poster/pictures
- Personal I Pods

All reward monies are only spent with the child's key worker and CANNOT be given as money in hand.

PROCEDURES AT BUTTERFLY HOUSE FOR DEALING WITH VIOLENCE AND PHYSICAL ASSAULTS TOWARDS STAFF

At Butterfly House we understand that we are working with, at times, children who have suffered trauma.

It is due to this and the fear of criminalising children that we have developed an approach to offences that occur within the home that hopefully will help to work through behaviours and issues the child has without there being a need for police intervention.

While at times it may be necessary to call for police assistance, this does not necessarily mean that a prosecution will follow.

At Butterfly House we have an in-house system for dealing specifically with violence to staff and serious deliberate criminal damage

This includes:

1. First offence – Reflection in key working session of the incident
2. Restorative justice – by way of verbal apologies, writing letters of apology, reparation work, and if deemed appropriate contributing to the cost of any damage caused to the home
3. a verbal warning from the Registered Manager that if the behaviour continues a disruption meeting may be called.

Depending on the level of violence/ criminal damage and personal circumstances of the child, police may be called. See guidance below on prosecuting young people.

GUIDANCE TO STAFF ON PROSECUTING YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE HOME

Staff at Butterfly House take into consideration the Children's Home Regulations guidance around criminalising young people and situations that in a normal family home would not involve the police. However, the young people we look after at Butterfly House at times can display dangerous behaviour and if staff are unable to manage this for the safety of all involved, police presence may be necessary. Considerations that would be taken would be:

1. The young person's age and understanding
2. The young person's state of mind
3. How many incidents of violence prior to the offence

It is our job to prepare young people for living independently and it would not serve them well to learn that there are no consequences for any of their actions.

(This guidance needs to be read in conjunction with Butterfly House Police Involvement Policy)

Updated on 21st June 2021 to be reviewed on 21st June 2022, or before depending on legislation updates and changes. Written by Jane Parish - Director of J&R Care Ltd in consultation with the Registered Manager of the home and the RI

If the police have been called staff must ensure that they have ready for the police:

- A copy of Butterfly House's Behaviour Management Policy
- A fully completed and detailed Incident form which has been read and signed by either the Registered Manager or a Director.

Staff must ensure that the incident form is completed including as much detail as possible, detailing:

- What led up to the incident
- What de-escalation techniques were used
- Any physical intervention techniques that were used
- A brief history as to how many times the child/ young person has been through the different stages in the Behaviour Management policy including any restorative justice and reparation work that has accompanied any incidents in the past. If they have not, then it needs to be explained why not. For example, there may be times when the offence is so serious that it will need police intervention immediately.

Children should not be charged with offences resulting from behaviour within a children's home that would not similarly lead to police involvement if it occurred in a family home.

BEFORE A DECISION TO PROSECUTE, STAFF MUST CONTACT AND CONSULT WITH EITHER THE REGISTERED MANAGER OR IN HER ABSENCE THE DIRECTOR.

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SANCTIONS USED AT BUTTERFLY HOUSE

BEHAVIOUR	SANCTION	TIMESCALE
Abuse of cars or dangerous behaviour in cars	Car ban	Between 1 and 7 days depending on the seriousness of the incident
Abuse of the telephone/mobile phones (including accessing pornography on mobile) or I pad or other portable devices	Telephone/Mobile/ I pad phone ban	Between 1 and 7 days depending on the seriousness of the incident - If a contract is being paid for and in the name of J&R Care this can be cancelled at any time at the discretion of the Director for inappropriate use. (accessing pornography on mobile phone will also result in an assessment as to whether this should be for a longer period and to be discussed with the child's social worker)
Damages	Fine and reparation	Fines – for as long as it takes to repay the damage Reparation – Immediately
Abuse of the kitchen or food	Kitchen ban	1 DAY Depending on the seriousness of the incident (staff need to ensure for this sanction to take place that the behaviour in the kitchen was dangerous and staff must also ensure that when a child needs something from the kitchen that they attend to this need immediately) This will need to be reviewed for efficacy in light of the open plan arrangement at Butterfly House
Refusing to go to school Disturbing others at night Returning late	Reward points not being awarded No paid activities	For that day only The next day
Leaving the home without permission	Free time revoked (Grounded)	Between 1 and 7 days (always in consultation with the social worker) – this

		only works if the child agrees as restriction of liberty is NOT allowed. Continued non-compliance with this sanction could result in a disruption meeting being called.
Found to be smoking (under 18) or taking drugs	Supervised pocket money	2 weeks
Violence / Abuse to staff or other children	Loss of activity/Restorative justice	On the day of incident
Physical assault of others	Restorative justice/ Prosecution through the courts	As soon as possible after the incident - (Staff should take into account the company's policy and the Quality Standards guide regarding prosecuting children)

NON PERMISSABLE SANCTIONS

The following shall not be used as disciplinary measures on children accommodated at Butterfly House:

- Any form of corporal punishment
- Any punishment relating to the consumption or deprivation of food or drink.

Any restriction on:

- A child's contact
- Visits to him by his parents or relatives,
- A child's communications with any of the persons who he is supposed to have contact with
- His access to any telephone helpline providing counselling for children
- Any requirement that a child wear distinctive or inappropriate clothing
- The use or withholding of medication or medical or dental treatment
- The intentional deprivation of sleep
- 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
- Any intimate physical examination of the child
- The withholding of any aids or equipment needed by a disabled child

Any measure which involves:

- Any child in the imposition of any measure against another child
- The punishment of a group of children for the behaviour of an individual child.

PHYSICAL INTERVENTIONS WITH CHILDREN POLICY

(CURRENTLY BEING REVIEWED. IF DETAILS ARE NEEDED, PLEASE CONTACT THE SAFEGUARDING DIRECTOR ON 07736774491.

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT AND PHYSICAL INTERVENTION TRAINING FOR STAFF

Every member of staff working at Butterfly House will be given the following:

- Within the first week of working at Butterfly House: A short overview of Physical Intervention including the law. Competence testing by the physical intervention trainers.
- Within 6 months of working at Butterfly House, a 3 day Working with Violence and aggression including a BTEC Level 2 Training course in Physical Restraint Practice

The Safeguarding Director of J&R Care and RI are both accredited Physical Restraint instructors with The National Federation for Personal Safety and as such will deliver ongoing and regular training for all staff in and around all aspects of physical intervention with any child.

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LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

- 18. The name and work address of:**
- a) **The registered provider**
 - b) **If nominated, the responsible individual**
 - c) **If applicable, the registered manager**

Managing Director: Jane Parish

Finance Director: Wayne Parish

Head of Education and Training: Brendan Aherne

Address: Ash House, Centre Road, New Ash Green, Longfield, Kent. DA3 8JF

Telephone Number: 01474 871999

Mobile: 07736774491

Fax: 01474 879123

Email: headoffice@jandrcareltd.co.uk

Butterfly House Children's Home: (Address withheld due to this statement being on our web site)

Responsible Individual of Butterfly House: Brendan Aherne

Address: Ash House, Centre Road, New Ash Green, Longfield, Kent. DA3 8JF

Telephone Number: 01474 871999/ 07742916400

Email: brendan@jandrcareltd.co.uk

Qualifications and Experience of Responsible Individual

- BA (Combined Subjects)
- Graduate Certificate in Care and Development of Children and Young People
- Certificate in Therapeutic Childcare and Education
- Registered Managers Award
- Professional Graduate Certificate in Education

Brendan has been working for J&R Care for 15 years. Having spent 10 years as the Registered Manager of our other home, and a trainer of staff for 5 years, he is more than qualified and experienced to be the Responsible Individual for Butterfly House. Brendan has built a career of working with young people in a therapeutic way.

Registered Manager of Butterfly House: Elvira Panxha

Address: Butterfly House (address not included due to the Statement of Purpose displayed on the web site)

Telephone Number:

Email:

Qualifications and Experience of Registered Manager

- **Diploma 5 in Health and Social Care**
- **MSc in counselling and Psychotherapy**
- **NVQ 3 in Health and Social Care**
- **Postgraduate Certificate in Counselling**
- **BSc (hons) Psychology and Sociology**

Elvira has worked in the care industry for over a decade and during this time has undertaken a number of responsibilities such as Support Worker, Assistant Manager and Registered Manager. Elvira has worked in both the children and the adult sector and managed staff teams from different backgrounds to support the individuals in their care through a person-centred approach. Ensuring that the staff team are trained and equipped with the knowledge and skills to manage behaviour that challenges, complex medical needs as well as mental health such as anxiety, self-harm ASD.

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19. Details of the experience and qualifications of staff working at the children's home, including any staff commissioned to provide education and health care

Registered Manager	Elvira Panxha
Assistant Manager	Marc Hocking
SENIOR RCW	UVA
SENIOR RCW	CH
SENIOR RCW	ASH
SENIOR RCW	JM
SENIOR RCW	GC
SENIOR RCW	JA
RCW	TS
RCW	SB
RCW	RA
WNO	LS
WNO	SO

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE PLEASE CONTACT THE REGISTERED MANAGER OR A DIRECTOR

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20. Details of the management and staffing structure of the children's home, including arrangements for the professional supervision of staff, including staff that provide education or health care

The home is managed by the Registered Manager and supported by an Assistant Manager and they are responsible for the daily running of the home. The registered Manager works 40 hours per week on a flexible rota to meet the needs of the home.

The assistant manager works 40 hours per week and is delegated shifts and responsibilities by the Registered Manager

SUPERVISION

Purpose of Supervision

- To co-ordinate resources to maximise the effective delivery of services
- To ensure staff are clear as to their roles, responsibilities and accountability
- To set and clarify standards and expectations
- To identify tasks, key result areas and measure outcomes
- To enable staff to develop professionally
- To provide for the staff care needs of workers
- To manager stress
- To recognise achievements and feedback on performance including issues that pertains to the disciplinary code of practice
- To communicate between team members and more senior management

Every member of staff in the home should be receiving regular supervision from their supervisor. Under the policy on supervision, every full-time staff member is guaranteed supervision every 6 weeks. New members of staff should be supervised more regularly for the first three months of service.

The main principles of the policy that are to guide the process of supervision, are noted here and should provide useful pointers for discussion between supervisee and supervisor when looking together at the way supervisees relate to staff generally as well as how they function with the Children.

Supervision should be:

- Regular and guaranteed, using planned uninterrupted time
- Informed by Equal Opportunities Policy so that supervisors should acknowledge and discuss power, race, gender and equality issues and their effect on the relationship. Supervisors should also be pro – active in dealing with issues of discrimination, harassment or victimisation and support staff through supervision.

- Supervision requires a relationship based on a clear understanding of the different roles and responsibilities of the supervisor and supervised. The responsibility for this is a shared one.
- Supervision requires listening and respect by both parties, attention being given to anxieties and feedback
- Supervision must enable discussion of feelings raised by the work

The supervision process is best defined by a written agreement to define the ground rules, which can be reviewed at regular intervals

Supervision Agreements

- Supervision should be based on a written agreement, which acknowledges differences and is to the following minimum standard:
- It is regular.
- It is in a private place, and not disturbed
- Has an agenda to which both have contributed
- Is recorded, both being able to contribute to the record and signed once agreed.

All subcontractors employed at the home to deliver health services receive professional supervision and are members of their own particular association. The Child & Adolescent Psychotherapist is a good example.

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<p>21. If the staff working at the children's home are all of one sex, or mainly one sex, a description of how the children's home promotes appropriate role models of both sexes</p>
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It is our aim at Butterfly House to have a mix of male and female staff. At times one sex may dominate however if this is the case, we positively recruit to ensure a balance and this is explained at the time of recruiting.

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CARE PLANNING

22. Any criteria used for the admission of children to the children's home, including any policies and procedures for emergency admission
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PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION

There is a thorough Admissions process which includes review of referral paperwork, in depth interviews with social workers and placement officers as well as previous placements. Requests are made for all prior Assessments and paperwork covering Health, Psychological and Psychiatric Assessment, Educational Attainment and including review of the Education, Health and Care Plans, where one exists.

Once a child has been identified for placement at the home, the Manager will contact the child's social worker, the children's current carer, and other professionals involved with the child to gain as full a picture as possible of their needs. A pre placement risk assessment will also be carried out.

At this point the Manager will inform the social worker of the documents and reports required prior to admission.

The key worker will be identified and arrangements will begin to undertake a programme of introduction and familiarisation with the home. A date for admission will be agreed.

THE PLACEMENT AGREEMENT MEETING

In most cases a Placement Meeting should take place prior to the child's admission. Where this is not practicable the meeting should take place within 72 hours of admission.

This meeting should involve the child, their social worker, the prospective key worker, the child's parents and/or current carer, and will be chaired by the Manager of the home.

The object of the meeting will be to agree the child's placement plan and the work that is required to meet the needs of the child. Areas for consideration will include health, education, cultural and religious requirements, issues of language, leisure and arrangements for contact and daily routine.

The meeting will also provide information about methods of control to be used in the home and the rules/expectations of the home. It is very important that the child is involved as much as possible in the preparation of their placement plan, and the key worker will take time with the child after the meeting to ensure they understand what has been agreed.

The placement plan will be reviewed and updated every three months or when changes arise.

EMERGENCY ADMISSIONS

Out of hour's decision-making will be the responsibility of the Registered Manager in conjunction with the Director. On rare occasions it may be necessary to admit a child in an emergency. The decision to admit will rest with the Directors and Registered Manager who will take into account the current circumstances and the normal function of the home.

In the event of such an admission, further discussions will need to take place on the next working day with the social worker concerned, with a decision made about the future arrangements for placement within 48 hours.

ON ARRIVAL AT THE HOME

Unplanned Admissions

As much information as possible must be requested from the placing social worker about the child and a Risk Assessment be completed.

A guided tour of the home should be made as soon as practicable for the child.

As soon as possible but within 24 hours, an explanation of the rules, rights, and the complaints procedures will be given to the child, together with information regarding the key worker system. The child will be offered a drink, something to eat and a bath/shower etc. Close supervision will ensure the child feels safe and their needs are met during what will be a frightening time for the child.

Planned Admissions

Full LAC documentation will be received. Each Child looked after must have an Accommodation agreement. The agreement should be made prior to admission between the child's parents, social worker and the Registered Manager of the home. It may involve other significant adults that the child is involved with. The agreement is based on the child's care plan and the purpose of the placement should be made clear.

Minimum Standards:

The agreement should include the following information:

- Proposed length of placement
- Arrangements for contact with social worker, parents, family members and other appropriate adults
- Names of those with whom there should be no contact.
- Arrangements for religious observance/ cultural needs/education/language.
- Dietary/medical needs.
- Health needs
- Date when the placement will be reviewed; how the placement can be ended.
- The process for making complaints re: the placement.

The child will be met with a welcome from staff. Any medication necessary should accompany the child. Medication charts will be completed. The social worker/parents should stay for a while to help the child to settle in. The child will be introduced to other household members. The child will be offered help in unpacking. Time will be offered to the child to talk alone with residential staff about any concerns or anxieties about the placement.

The social worker should make arrangements for the next visit before leaving the placement. The key worker will spend time with the child ensuring that they understand the rules, expectations, the complaints procedures, and the key worker systems. Although these should have been covered at an introductory visit. The key worker will also explore with the child any clothing requirements or essentials needed and arrange taking the child to acquire these items.

The key worker and the child may make plans to go out together to buy things to personalise the child's bedroom.

In all cases, the child will at this stage be consulted about the colour of their room and the home's maintenance man will decorate it to the child's wishes as soon as is practical.

PREPARATION IN THE HOME

- The staff must be ready before a child arrives
- Vacant bedroom should be made ready as soon as last occupant vacates it. Any damage should have been made good, and all personalised belongings removed.
- Towels should be out in room, bed made - room should look welcoming.
- Have Medication charts to hand.
- Have clothing lists to hand.

DISCHARGES FROM J&R CARE CHILDREN'S HOMES

All discharges from the home should be planned. Any decision to discharge the child should be made at a placement planning meeting / disruption meeting or review and a decision made regarding who is responsible for tasks and instructions relating to discharge. Care planning meeting decisions should be in line with Statutory Review recommendations. If this is not the case, a Statutory Review should be convened to consider the revised Care Plan.

When difficulties are experienced in the placement, responsibility should be shared between residential staff and social workers and, if appropriate, parents, and a joint strategy of management agreed. Consideration must also be given to convening a disruption meeting.

Where possible, there should be a period of introduction to the new placement. Prior to discharge, residential staff should ensure that the child has appropriate levels of clothing for entrance to a new placement. Transfer of school and GP (where appropriate) should be

organised prior to discharge, together with ensuring adequate amounts of medication/uniform for transfer. All children should be provided with their own holdall/suitcase for transfer.

All children should be given a planned opportunity to say appropriate goodbyes to residential staff and other children in the home including spending special time with their key worker and other favourite members of staff by doing some kind of activity or a meal out. All personal belongings should move with the child, with assistance from staff in packing as required. Any photographs etc. should move with the children.

The key worker or an alternative staff member should accompany the child to new placement as appropriate. Any ongoing contact with the residential home after transfer should be decided at the care planning meeting.

In an emergency situation where a child has to be removed from J&R Care, for example, to a secure provision it is our policy to offer any supporting documentation as is available at the time, as a minimum the Essential Information Record and further documentation will be sent within 5 working days.

If a child is still with us when they reach their 18th birthday it is important that they don't feel that they now are being rejected by us, however bearing in mind the levels of behaviour we work with and the fact that we are registered up to the age of 18, the following needs to be in place:

1. Ofsted notified of any child over the age of 18 residing at the home
2. A plan in place for their leaving the home
3. If deemed necessary a DBS check to be undertaken with the young person

Butterfly House can offer support to all young people moving into independence in agreement with the placing authority.

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