

South East Care Leavers Conference

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Supported accommodation

- We agreed to regulate supported accommodation for looked after children and care leavers aged 16 and 17 in December 2021
- Supported accommodation regulations came into force on 28 April – we started to accept applications to register on the same day
- To legally operate, existing providers must have been registered (or have submitted a complete application to register) by 28 October 2023
- We begin inspections in April 2024

'We know that for some looked after children and care leavers, supported accommodation can be the right choice as they move into adult life. But although there are some examples of excellent support, this just isn't consistent across the board.'

New standards and oversight are absolutely necessary, so I'm pleased that Ofsted has been asked to develop a regulatory system and inspection framework for supported accommodation. All young people deserve to live somewhere they feel happy and safe, which is why we are developing a system that places the interests of young people at its heart.'

- Amanda Spielman, HMCI



Care and support

- Supported accommodation does not provide 'care' to children in the same way as a children's home does but young people's needs cannot always be easily categorised under either 'care' or 'support' – these are part of a complex continuum
- High-quality supported accommodation should be caring, kind and nurturing
- If a young person is living in supported accommodation, we will expect to see that this is demonstrably in their best interests and the support meets their individual needs



Yvette Stanley on the ILACS framework and a new judgement for care leavers - YouTube

'Care leavers are not always given the profile they deserve.'

'This new judgement will give care leavers a more prominent voice within our inspections and allow us to highlight what is working well and what needs to improve.'



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The importance of relationships



Slough "PAs show genuine interest and care for young people and are tenacious in seeking to form strong relationships"

Wokingham "Children build strong relationships with their advisers, making the transition to leaving care much easier"

Portsmouth "Personal advisers are passionate about the support they provide and are rightly proud to celebrate the achievements of care-experienced young people"

West Sussex "In times of need or crisis, personal advisers are highly responsive and available, ensuring that young people are appropriately supported"

Southampton "[PAs] provide practical help and care leavers trust them to provide support, particularly when they have experienced traumatic events or are going through difficult times in their lives"

Medway "Personal advisers are strong advocates for their young people. They know young people well and are committed, caring and dedicated to improving their lives"

Questions?



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