

Inspection Top Tips

Statement of Purpose

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Children's Homes Regulations

Regulation 16.—(1)

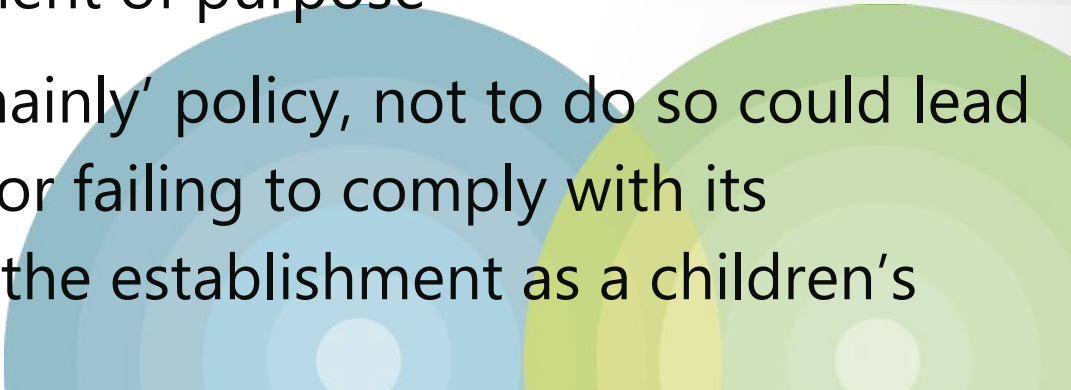
The registered person must compile in relation to the children's home a statement ("the statement of purpose") which covers the matters listed in Schedule 1

Quality and purpose of care

Schedule 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 and accommodation.




Children's Homes SCCIF Key Elements

- Placement decisions reflect a home's statement of purpose, and balance the needs of the child with the needs of those already living there
 - Practice is consistent with the homes ethos and objectives set out in the Statement of purpose
 - The registered person must ensure that the home is at all times conducted in a manner which is consistent with its statement of purpose
 - Homes must comply with the 'wholly or mainly' policy, not to do so could lead to enforcement action against the home for failing to comply with its statement of purpose or for failing to run the establishment as a children's home
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"it remains an ongoing piece of work to ensure that staff have the skills to meet children's needs. In particular, in line with the homes statement of purpose."

Top tips...

1. The categories of children you have the skills to work with are clear on the SoP, do not include all types of need
 2. Clear process for matching children is set out in the SoP including the potential impact on children already living in the home
 3. Staff are recruited and trained to meet the needs of the children contained in the SoP
 4. Be clear on the values and ethos of the home and the underlying model of care that informs your approach
 5. Include your model of care and how you will keep children safe
 6. Do not include any aspect of care that you cannot meet in practice
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Questions to consider...

- Does my Statement of Purpose accurately reflect the services I provide?
- Can I evidence the values, ethos and practice model set out in the Statement of Purpose?
- Is my Statement of Purpose up to date and accurate?

