

The Supported Accommodation Regulations 2023 and Quality Standards

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Dear colleagues,

The Supported Accommodation (England) Regulations and Quality Standards came into force on the 28th April 2023. The legislation applies to all supported accommodation providers accommodating a child aged 16 or 17 years old who has been placed by a local authority under section 22C(6)(d) or Section 23B(8)(b) of the Children Act 1989.

The regulatory framework requires supported accommodation providers to comply with the regulations and quality standards which can be accessed via:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/providing-supported-accommodation-for-children-and-young-people>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/introduction-to-supported-accommodation>

From 28th April 2023, supported accommodation providers have been able to register their provision with Ofsted. Providers wishing to continue providing a supported accommodation service are required to have submitted a complete application which has been accepted by Ofsted **by 28th October 2023**.

I would like to take the opportunity to remind you, as a framework provider you are required to be registered with Ofsted to remain on the West Midlands Supported Accommodation Framework. Local Authorities and children's trusts will be prohibited from placing 16 and 17 Years olds with providers who have not had a registration application accepted by Ofsted as complete by 28th October 2023.

Telford and Wrekin will look to contract with those organisations that are compliant with Ofsted registration and demonstrate they will be compliant within the Ofsted registration timeframe.

We ask that you begin sharing your registration confirmation with Telford and Wrekin Commissioning Team, including the URN number provided by Ofsted to confirm the application has been accepted by Ofsted. This is so that we can monitor provider registrations.

Telford and Wrekin are committed to supporting providers with the registration by sharing resources and provide information on any regional and local events. There are additional resources to support the implementation of the new regulations and registration process available through the National Children's Bureau Practice site which can be accessed via: <https://www.ncb.org.uk/sector-awareness-provider-preparedness-supported-accommodation>

Should you wish to talk to a member of the Telford and Wrekin Commissioning Team, please do not hesitate to email the team at CYPContracts@telford.gov.uk

Thank you

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