

23/02666/CLD – 22 Hawthorn Road, Prescot
CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS FOR PROPOSED USE OF RESIDENTIAL
DWELLING AS A CHILDREN'S HOME FOR A MAXIMUM OF 2 NO. CHILDREN

Please provide additional information / clarification on the following:

Handover

- Application indicates 2 staff on 48hr shift with 10:00 am handover.
- How many staff would be there at each handover? It is not clear whether the 2 staff would change for another 2 staff on the same day – leading to 4 staff on the premises at one time.
- How long would typical handover last each time?

The supporting statement indicates that staff work on a 48 shift pattern from 10am each day. Handovers would usually be staggered between 9.45 and 10.15 (10am indicated to demonstrate that they would take place at a sociable hour outside of peak travel to school / work). Handover would take no longer than 5 minutes. During the week the shift changes would occur when the residents are at school and as such may not take place at the property, ie one staff member may undertake a school drop off and then go to their home to complete paperwork etc and another may do the home's shopping before going to the house. At weekends this changeover could take place outside of the home in situations such as where the young people are being taken out for recreation activities etc. There would therefore be no more than 3 members of staff on site at any time unless the staff were car sharing at which time there may be 4 staff but this would be an infrequent occurrence.

Manager

- Application makes no mention of a Manager being present on the site.
- Isn't this an Ofsted requirement?
- If a Manager is present on site (or any other member of staff other than the 2 carers) what hours and days etc. would they be on-site?
- Where and how would they be accommodated on the premises?

The Registered Manager will be responsible for managing two services and will split their time accordingly across both Children's Homes. It is likely that the Manager will visit the service 2 times per week for an average time of 12 hours across the week. These visits would not coincide with staff changeover times or be in the evening.

The Manager will have space to work within one of the Living Rooms, the Manager will not be providing direct Care or Support and would not be staying overnight at the property.

Bedrooms

- Application indicates that it is a 3 bedroom house - 2 children + 2 full time staff "sleeping over".
- The supporting statement indicates the 2 staff would sleep on the premises during shift but only 3 bedrooms.
- Please clarify.

One of the bedrooms would be used by staff and there would be a bed in one of the

living rooms which would also accommodate an area for administration.

Classroom / Activity / Therapy etc

- Application states that the premises would be used for young people with learning disabilities and clarification is required regarding any additional activity on the premises that this would entail.
- Planning Statement indicates – typically the young people would attend a local school during the day.
- No details have been provided about learning if the young people are not typically in local school and whether there would be home schooling.
- If so, would this involve tutors attending the premises to provide educational needs and what hours and how many teaching staff would this entail?

There would be no additional activities at the premises that would not normally be undertaken at a private home where a child living with or without learning disabilities resided with their own family.

The young people would be in school unless they were of an age where they no longer attended school and were at college or were in an apprenticeship or were younger than school age and either looked after in the home or attending nursery.

Multi-agency visitors

- Application states that the young people have learning disabilities.
- There is no mention of other visitors to the premises.
- By definition the children in the care of a Local Authority would normally have multi-agency visitors to the premises in relation to each child.
- Please identify what visits would typically be involved.

The majority of appointments for Children who are Looked after take place off site – Appointments around Health and Education would be the main appointments and take place off site.

Visits to the service would be infrequent – Likely there would be an average of 1 visitor to the property per week for e.g. Family Members/Social Worker. These visits would be during the working day or daytime hours at weekends, there would be no evening visits.

Planning Policy Guidance is clear that in the case of applications for proposed development, an applicant needs to describe the proposal with sufficient clarity and precision to enable a local planning authority to understand exactly what is involved (Paragraph: 006 Reference ID: 17c-006-20140306).