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Validation Proforma for Children's Homes

1. Home and Location Assessment (Planning Applications Only)

Requirement	Response
a. Evidence of need for Children's Care Home in the Area this must include liaison with Knowsley Council Children's Services	We will liaise with all relevant authorities
b. Evidence that the proposed Children's Care Home location and format aligns with the type of accommodation needed by Knowsley.	The home will be made up to standard in line with the Ofsted regulations
c. A justification and explanation as to the appropriateness of the premises. To include the identification of hazards and control to be put in place including the local and wider environment. This must include liaison with Merseyside Police regarding County Lines, missing persons, general hazards and exploitation.	All policies and documents in line with Ofsted requirements. All relevant third parties will be informed.
d. Identified hazards and controls to be put in place including but not limited to: i. Risks of injury within the home including access to roof ii. Traffic, Railway, Waterways, Risks of Child Sexual Exploitation, Risk of Gangs, Crime, Anti-social Behaviour, Risks of Missing from Care, Risk of Substance Abuse, Drug Involvement. iii. Please include agencies who you have consulted as part of the risk assessment.	Safeguarding will be paramount. All hazards will be risk assessed and acted on accordingly
d. That the premises is located in a suitable and sustainable location; This must include an assessment of accessibility, local amenities and social infrastructure	Location risk assessment policy

	Location risk assessment document
e. That it provides suitable access and parking provision to accommodate activity associated with the premises.	There will be parking access and local transport close to the home.

2. Management Plan (Planning Applications and Lawful Development Certificates)

Requirement	Response
a. The name of the company proposing to operate the facility and background.	Capricorn Care NW Ltd
b. Whether the home will be registered with ofsted and any evidence of communication with ofsted relevant to this home?	The home will apply to be Ofsted registered and will be empty pending Ofsted registration and Planning permission being granted.
c. i. Type of provision (e.g. crisis, short or long term) and statement of purpose c. ii. Type of registration (emotional and behavioural difficulties, mental disorders, sensory, present alcohol problems, present drug problems, learning difficulty, physical disabilities)	Registration will be for children under the age of 18 and making it a family environment
d. How many children would be accommodated and the age range (lower and upper limit)?	1-2
e. What will happen if any children reach 18? Will they remain?	The service will only be regulated up to the age of 18

f. What is the ratio of staff to children that is required i.e. delivery model?	2:1
g. What is the likely level of need of the children accommodated i.e. is there a focus on complex needs? Will the home have a particular specialism?	The home will support with emotional behavioural difficulties, the company has a therapeutic service attached to it however there will be no physical or health needs living at the property.
h. What is the likely shift pattern of staff i.e. how many staff (management and care staff) would likely be at the premises at any one time and when would shift changes occur? A staff Rota should be provided.	The shifts will be done in blocks to stop the amount
i. What support officers would be likely to visit the property?	There will be visits, but we do have an off site office that will be able to hold meetings. Occasionally there will be professionals visiting the home.
j. How would visits be scheduled and would staff/support-workers meetings take place at the property?	Staff/social workers meetings will be held at our other site with an office and meeting room.
k. Is the intention that the children cared for at the property will be home schooled or will they attend local schools? If children will be home schooled, will additional teachers/tutors attend the premises and how often.	Depending on the child's needs, the plan would be full time education attending the local schools.
l. Would therapeutic care be offered on-site?	

	We have a therapeutic service, this would take place at our other provision in the meeting room.
m. Would case reviews taken place on or off-site?	From time to time should the need require
n. Are children ever left alone unsupervised at the property?	No
o. Under what circumstances are children allowed to leave the property?	Each young person is different. It would depend on the child. We would work with the social worker and family to deem whether they can leave property alone.
p. Would staff members be informed/aware if a child left the property?	Yes
q. Is there a curfew?	Yes
r. What would happen in the event of a breach of the curfew?	Correct procedures would follow.
s. What security provisions are proposed e.g. security and access controls on doors?	Everything would be in line with ofsted regulations
t. Would CCTV be installed?	yes
u. How would local residents know how to raise a concern in the event of an issue?	

v. How long is each placement within the children's care home?	This depends on a variety of circumstances
w. Would any rooms be used as a dedicated meeting, training or therapy room?	This would be on our other site
x. Would the parents or family of the children visit the home and, if so, how often is this likely to take place?	This depends on each child, but usually they would visit the home once
y. What dedicated parking provision (if any) exists for the dwelling and how is it intended to control vehicle movements and parking associated with the use arising from staff and other visitors?	There is 2 spaces on the driver and ample parking outside.