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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	
b. Evidence that the proposed Children's Care Home location and format aligns with the type of accommodation needed by Knowsley.	
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.	
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.	

d. That the premises is located in a suitable and sustainable location; This must include an assessment of accessibility, local amenities and social infrastructure	
e. That it provides suitable access and parking provision to accommodate activity associated with the premises.	

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

Requirement	Response
a. The name of the company proposing to operate the facility and background.	Equanimity Care Limited
b. Whether the home will be registered with ofsted and any evidence of communication with ofsted relevant to this home?	Currently we are in the process of applying for Ofsted registration. Ofsted would not allow application until planning process had been confirmed as either started or complete with permissions 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)	Crisis, respite, emergency and short term activity and leisure based placements. Long term placements would also be accepted under this proposal. Provision to accommodate deliberate self-harm, sexualised behaviour, developmental and post-traumatic trauma, attachment and developmental psychopathology, substance misuse, aggression, forensic behaviours, poor educational performance and disrupted peer and familial relationships
d. How many children would be accommodated and the age range (lower and upper limit)?	One child aged from 7 to 17
e. What will happen if any children reach 18? Will they remain?	Children move to adult services once they reach 18 years of age. No the child will not remain beyond their 18th birthday.
f. What is the ratio of staff to children that is required i.e. delivery model?	2:1 Ratio of Carers to Child.
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?	Yes the home will cater for complex needs; deliberate self-harm. There isn't a particular specialism that we would provide for. List of areas is covered under c ii.
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.	Staffing rota as per planning statement. 2 staff – 2 days on 4 days off with regular contact with Care Manager every few days.

i. What support officers would be likely to visit the property?	Care manager to attend a few days per month, Social Worker expected to meet every 6 weeks and Ofsted inspection at least once per year.
j. How would visits be scheduled and would staff/support-workers meetings take place at the property?	Visits scheduled via Social Worker. Staff/support-workers
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.	Depends on the individual Care Plans as prescribed by the Local Authority making the placement.
l. Would therapeutic care be offered on-site?	No
m. Would case reviews taken place on or off-site?	Expected to be off-site or online but may vary depending on Local Authority requirements.
n. Are children ever left alone unsupervised at the property?	No
o. Under what circumstances are children allowed to leave the property?	Depends upon the individual child care plan and conditions associated with the placement. Expected
p. Would staff members be informed/ aware if a child left the property?	Yes as care is 24 hours per day.

q. Is there a curfew?	Depends upon the individual child care plan and conditions associated with the placement.
r. What would happen in the event of a breach of the curfew?	Staff on site to contact child in care, search local area. Placing Local Authority notified, police potentially notified. Placing Local Authority to decide if future restrictions are required.
s. What security provisions are proposed e.g. security and access controls on doors?	Locked external doors, restrictors on all windows at the property.
t. Would CCTV be installed?	No
u. How would local residents know how to raise a concern in the event of an issue?	Local residents have contact details for management. Contact details available on Equanimity Care website. Residents would be able to speak to staff on site or will be referred to management if required.
v. How long is each placement within the children's care home?	Initially up to 28 days but longer as required by placing Local Authority.
w. Would any rooms be used as a dedicated meeting, training or therapy room?	No
x. Would the parents or family of the children visit the home and, if so, how often is this likely to take place?	Yes by agreement and forward notification. Depends upon the individual child care plan and conditions associated with the placement.
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?	One dedicated parking space at the front of the property. Additional parking available at the front and side of property for any visitors.

