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

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a. The name of the company proposing to operate the facility and background.	Helping Care Ltd
b. Whether the home will be registered with ofsted and any evidence of communication with ofsted relevant to this home?	Yes fully reg
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)	Long term solo home
d. How many children would be accommodated and the age range (lower and upper limit)?	1
e. What will happen if any children reach 18? Will they remain?	No
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?	EBD
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	2 in 4 off rotation
i. What support officers would be likely to visit the property?	SW visit once every 6 weeks
j. How would visits be scheduled and would staff/support-workers meetings take place at the property?	Team meeting take place at head office when child at school.
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.	Attend school
l. Would therapeutic care be offered on-site?	Secure Base model
m. Would case reviews taken place on or off-site?	Head office
n. Are children ever left alone unsupervised at the property?	no
o. Under what circumstances are children allowed to leave the property?	n/a

p. Would staff members be informed/ aware if a child left the property?	n/a
q. Is there a curfew?	Yes dependant on age no later than 10pm
r. What would happen in the event of a breach of the curfew?	Incentives and consequences to help children learn
s. What security provisions are proposed e.g. security and access controls on doors?	Ring doorbell Lockable front and back door with keys
t. Would CCTV be installed?	no
u. How would local residents know how to raise a concern in the event of an issue?	We meet with neighbours have managers contact details
v. How long is each placement within the children's care home?	Long term
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?	no

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?	Driveway
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