



The Children's Homes Association

The Children's Homes Association Code of Practice

The Children's Homes Association is the membership body for providers of residential child care throughout England and Wales. The Children's Homes Association membership defines organisations that are committed to continually improving outcomes for their children. Membership of The Children's Homes Association indicates an organisation committed to successful Residential Child Care.

Membership of The Children's Homes Association signals a commitment to high quality care and welfare being provided by all involved in the life of a child.

Membership of The Children's Homes Association supports providers to achieve this by the benefits of information, peer support and representation at local, regional and national levels. Paramount is the safeguarding, wishes and interests, of each child. This is shown by core aspects of the Code of Practice.

- Act at all times in accordance with the welfare and safeguarding interest of children placed within their service.
- Ensure the wishes and feelings of individual children placed are central to any service offered to them or decision affecting their care.
- Promote a culture of professional openness and integrity in the care of children placed.
- Work individually and collectively to improve services and thereby improve the welfare of, and outcomes for, children placed.

Members of The Children's Homes Association will:

- i. Provide services which consistently provide positive outcomes for young people and comply with regulatory standards.
- ii. Ensure all staff are appropriately qualified, trained, supervised and supported to deliver high quality care.
- iii. Ensure resources, systems, policies and procedures are in place to underpin high quality care.
- iv. Promote a culture of continuous improvement throughout the range of services provided.
- v. Support other members (by practical means or in the provision of information/advice) in the delivery of improved services.
- vi. Promote the Safeguarding of all children.
- vii. Notify our officers about any member who willingly or repeatedly fail to act in accordance with this Code of Practice and/or brings The Children's Homes Association into disrepute.

Signed:

Date:

On behalf of Organisation:

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