

Consultation Response Framework



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STANDARDS FOR YOUNG ADULTS SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION PROJECTS

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RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION

Consultation Questions

Please respond to the consultation document by email, letter or fax.

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Responses must be received **no later than 24 September 2010**

(Please tick appropriate box)

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Before completing your response, please see Appendix 1 about the effect on responses to public consultation exercises of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on confidentiality.

1. **Is the structure and layout of the draft standards clear and easily understood? (Please tick)**

Yes

Do you have recommendations about how the structure and layout could be improved?

No the structure and layout means that the document is easily read.

2. **Do you agree with the four overarching Quality Themes? (Please tick)**

Yes

Please comment on what should be removed or added and state the reasons why.

3. **Quality Theme 1 – Quality of Care and Support - is underpinned by eight Standard Statements with corresponding Action criteria.**

- a) **Do the Standard Statements adequately cover all relevant aspects of the Quality Theme? (Please tick)**

Yes

If No, please specify what else needs to be included.

b) Do the corresponding Action criteria provide sufficient guidance on actions required to meet each standard? (Please tick)

Yes

Please comment on what should be added or removed and state the reasons why.

4. Quality Theme 2 – Quality of the Physical Environment – is underpinned by two Standard Statements with corresponding Action Criteria.

a) Do the Standard Statements adequately cover all relevant aspects of the Quality Theme? (Please tick)

Yes

If No, please specify what else needs to be included.

Do the corresponding Action Criteria provide sufficient guidance on actions required to meet each Standard Statement? (Please tick)

Yes

If No, please comment on what should be added or removed and state the reasons why.

5. Quality Theme 3 – Quality of Staffing, Management and Leadership – is underpinned by two Standard Statements with corresponding Action Criteria.

a) Do the Standard Statements adequately cover all relevant aspects of the Quality Theme? (Please tick)

Yes

If No, please specify what else needs to be included.

b) Do the corresponding Action Criteria provide sufficient guidance on actions required to meet each standard statement? (Please tick)

Yes

Please comment on what should be added or removed and state the reasons why.

6. Quality Theme 4 – Quality of Quality Assurance and Monitoring – is underpinned by one Standard Statement with corresponding Action Criteria.

a) Does the Standard Statement adequately cover all relevant aspects of the Quality Theme? (Please tick)

Yes

If No, please specify what else needs to be included.

b) Do the corresponding Action Criteria provide sufficient guidance on actions required to meet the requirements of the Standard Statement?

Yes

Please comment on what should be added or removed and state the reasons why.

7. Do the “Potential Sources of Evidence” against each Action Criteria make clear and offer helpful guidance on the evidence base required to demonstrate effective delivery against each standard? (Please tick)

Yes

Please comment on what could be added or removed that would offer further clarity and state the reasons why.

- 8. Does the draft Standards comprehensively address the core requirements of Supported Accommodation for Young Adults and adequately identify its purpose and function as distinct from mainstream child care placement options? (Please tick)**

Yes

Please comment on any areas to be further considered and state the reasons why.

- 9. Does the draft Standards make clear the impact and implications for accommodation models, practice and delivery? (Please tick)**

Yes

Please comment on what should be added or removed and state the reasons why.

- 10. Does the draft Standards help you to understand how to develop and improve service provision for Young Adults Supported Accommodation Projects? (Please tick)**

Yes

If you have any further comments, please outline below.

11. Is the Self Assessment document a sufficiently comprehensive and clear framework for assisting with service monitoring and informing service development and improvement?

Yes

If No, please comment on any additional areas that should be included.

12. Are there additional issues which should be included or areas which should be elaborated on further within the draft Standards? (

No

Please add any comments below.

12. Does the draft Standards strengthen and promote quality, safe and suitable supported living arrangements for young people leaving care aged 16-21+ years?

Yes

Please add any further comments below.

13. Are the draft Standards and corresponding self-assessment framework easily understood? (Please tick)

Yes

Do you have any suggestions about how the documents could be improved?

14. Do you anticipate any possible unintended consequences of the Standards document? (Please tick)

No

If Yes, please specify.

15. Please add any other comments not covered in the questions above.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – CONFIDENTIALITY OF CONSULTATION

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