

Bedrooms Policy

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Regulations and Standards:

The Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015:

- Regulation 6 - The quality and purpose of care standard
- Regulation 7 - The children's views, wishes and feelings standard.

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1. Bedroom Furniture, Facilities, Equipment and Decoration:

HND Children's Care Ltd children's bedrooms should be pleasantly furnished, equipped and decorated in a manner appropriate to their individual needs, interests and choices.

Children should be encouraged to personalise their bedrooms, with posters, pictures and personal items of their choice.

Children of an appropriate age and level of understanding should be encouraged and supported to purchase furniture, equipment or decorations; preferably as part of a plan to prepare the child for independence.

2. Bedroom Security and Keys:

Children should have adequate, safe, storage for their belongings and medicines (if permitted to administer their own). All children will be provided with a lockable box upon arrival that will be kept in their room and enable them to store personal belongings safely.



To protect children or their belongings and to develop their sense of independence, bedrooms will be fitted with locks or other forms of security and children will be given their own keys.

3. Staff Presence in Bedrooms:

Children's privacy should be respected.

Unless there are exceptional circumstances, staff should always knock on the door prior to entering children's bedrooms; and then only enter with their permission. The exceptional circumstances where staff may have to enter a child's bedroom without knocking or asking permission are as follows:

- To wake a heavy sleeper, undertake cleaning, return or remove soiled clothing; though, in these circumstances, the child should have been consulted that this may be necessary.
- To take necessary action, including forcing entry, to protect the child or others from injury / harm or to prevent likely damage to property.
- To undertake necessary health and safety, and fire safety checks when required.

4. Visiting and Sharing Rooms:

All children will be allocated their own room upon arrival at HND Children's Care Ltd and will not be expected to share with another child including siblings (unless under extreme circumstances and only if considered necessary due to anxiety, stress and fear as requested by the social worker). This would only be a short-term option as children are expected to sleep in their own rooms.

Children may not receive visitors in their bedrooms unless agreed by the social worker and / or risk assessed, the children's views and wishes have been obtained, considered and the arrangements are outlined in the relevant placement plan.

End.