

Barricading Policy

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Regulations and Standards:

The Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015:

- Regulation 11 - The positive relationships standard.
- Regulation 14 - The care planning standard.
- Regulation 40 - Notification of a serious event.

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1. Planning and Prevention:

If there is any risk that a child may lock or barricade him / herself in a room so as to prevent access by the HND Children's Care staff, a Risk Assessment must be undertaken, and a suitable strategy adopted to reduce or prevent it, preferably in writing.

2. General Principles:

If children lock or barricade themselves in a room so as to prevent access by those caring for them, the actions that are necessary will depend on the risks posed.

2.1 Low Risk:

If the risks are low, which means that there is no perceived risk of injury, damage to property or of any offence being committed, the situation should be monitored, and efforts



made to obtain the child's co-operation to resolve it satisfactorily.

The strategies that should be adopted will depend on the age, level of understanding of the child and other circumstances on the day. However, staff should do what they can to maintain a low-risk situation, and not to escalate the situation.

2.2 Increased Risk:

If there is a risk of injury, damage to property or of an offence being committed, the action taken should depend on the immediacy and seriousness of those risks. The strategies that should be adopted will depend on the age, level of understanding of the child and other circumstances on the day. However, staff should monitor the situation, doing what they can to reduce the risks. All decisions and actions taken must be recorded.

If possible, the child's social worker should be consulted before actions are taken. However, it is for staff / carers, involved in the incident, to decide what actions are necessary, having considered all the risks and strategies that are available to them.

If at all possible, HND Children's Care LTD staff must act so as to reduce or prevent the need to act with force but, if the risks escalate to an extent that Physical Intervention, including forced entry is necessary, staff must adhere with relevant policies and procedures considered.

Please see the following relevant procedures:

'Positive Behaviour Support Policy'

'Risk Taking and Assessments Policy'

'Emergency Services Policy'

3. Notifications:

There are different notification procedures depending on whether matters are concluded with or without the co-operation of child.

3.1 With Co-operation:

If the occurrence is concluded with the co-operation of the child in that no force has been used, the manager should be notified at the first opportunity; the manager will then notify the child's social worker and ensure that the incident has been recorded appropriately.

3.2 Without Co-operation:

If HND Children's Care LTD staff have to use forced entry or Physical Intervention, or the Police are called for assistance, it is deemed to be a Significant Incident, and the manager and child's social worker must be notified within 24 hours.



The child's parents (if appropriate), or those with Parental Responsibility should also be informed (if appropriate). Depending on the seriousness of the incident, other people / agencies may have to be notified.

4. Recording:

There are different recording procedures depending on whether matters are concluded with or without the co-operation of children.

4.1 With Co-operation:

In these circumstances, the occurrence should be recorded in the child's daily record and relevant incident documents completed

4.2 Without Co-operation:

The use of forced entry is automatically deemed to be an Incident and must be recorded as such and subject to a HND Children's Care LTD management review.

End.