

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

PEOPLE CABINET MEMBER

REVISION TO THE CYGNET'S STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 This report seeks approval for a revised Statement of Purpose for the Cygnets Short Break Children's Home.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Children's Homes are required by the Children's Homes Regulations 2001 (updated 2011 and 2013) to have in place a Statement of Purpose that is reviewed on a regular basis and updated as appropriate.
- 2.2 Schedule 1 of the Revised regulations, which came into force in April 2014, revised the matters to be included in the statement of purpose adding additional elements including being outcome focussed, anti-discriminatory practice, the homes approach to responding to children's health needs, the homes approach to behavioural support and the details of staff experience and qualifications.
- 2.3 The Statement of Purpose is an integral component of the inspection of children's homes undertaken by OfSTED

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 To approve the revised statement of purpose for the Cygnets regulatory the statement is now structured to include those elements detailed in 2.2
- 3.2 A significant revision has been the expansion of the elements for inclusion under Outcomes for Children and Young People providing the reader with more insight into the quality of service provision. This is now detailed under the following headings:
- **Contact**
 - **Educational**
 - **Health**

- 3.3 In addition to this, revisions have been made which reflect current practice in the home and the high standard of care achieved and maintained over a number of years as shown consistently in the reports of inspections undertaken by Ofsted.
- 3.4 In addition The Statement of Purpose has been updated with changes to staffing qualifications and training and to include ongoing improvements and developments.
- 3.5 Changes to the Contents page have assisted in creating a more informative document which is easier to negotiate

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 The Children's Homes Regulations 2011 requires that the Statement of Purpose is reviewed annually to reflect any changes in staffing, practice or procedures.
- 4.2 If the Statement of Purpose is not updated and approved the Cygnet's will not meet its regulatory requirements.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

5.1 Financial

There are no financial implications

5.2 Staffing

Staffing matters are identified within the Regulations and Statement of Purpose. There are no implications relating to staffing.

5.3 Property

The property has to be fit for purpose

5.4 IT

There are no IT implications

6. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

- 6.1 None

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

7.1 Children, staff and parent/carers are consulted in preparation of the Statement of Purpose. Following approval by cabinet member they will also be engaged in updating the Children's and Parent's Guides based on the revised statement.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 That the People Cabinet Member approves the revised Cygnet's Statement of Purpose.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Children's Homes (Amendment) Regulations 2013