Agenda Item 10



Open Report on behalf of Heather Sandy, Executive Director - Children's Services

Report to:	Corporate Parenting Panel
Date:	06 July 2023
Subject:	Supported Accommodation (England) Regulations 2023

Summary:

This report provides an overview of the implementation to the Supported Accommodation (England) Regulations 2023 and Lincolnshire County Council's preparation and update regarding the implementation of these as registered provision from October 2023.

Actions Required:

Members of the Panel are invited to consider the Council's implementation of the Supported Accommodation (England) Regulations detailed in the appendix of this report.

1. Background

Lincolnshire County Council as a Corporate Parent prides themselves on providing children in care and care leavers the best possible care throughout their childhood and preparing them into adulthood to lead enriched, healthy, happy, and fulfilling lives.

As with all children in care and care leavers our priorities and principles are to care, support and encourage children and young people and support their journey into adulthood. In doing so, children in the older cohort, namely 16- & 17-year-olds often are assessed and supported to live in supported accommodation.

Lincolnshire County Council and commissioned services provide dedicated accommodation driven by high standards within a setting that provides stability aiding them to transition to adulthood and independence safely and successfully.

The introduction of the regulations outlines the standards that all providers in the public and private sector will have to follow and be inspected against to ensure that the physical surroundings of the accommodation, as well as how children and young people are kept safe and the mental and emotional support they are given is of the required standard.

2. Conclusion

The report is submitted to the Corporate Parenting Panel for the impact of the Supported Accommodation (England) Regulations 2023 for the provision for young people in care to be appraised.

3. Consultation

a) Risks and Impact Analysis

N/A

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report.	
Appendix A	Supported Accommodation Regulations 2023

5. Background Papers

No background papers, as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 were relied upon in the writing of this report.

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