

OFSTED Annex A – supported accommodation

This annex sets out criteria, which may be useful to a provider of accommodation to young people over the age of 16, to help identify whether the service being proposed or provided is ‘supported accommodation’ and would therefore not require the provider and manager to register under the Care Standards Act 2000, rather than a children’s home, which would require the provider and manager to register.

The table below sets out each criteria in the form of a question, and suggests whether a ‘yes’ or ‘no’ answer means care is provided, or supported accommodation.

| Where care is provided, this service meets the definition of a children’s home and will usually need to register. Criteria | Yes? | No? |
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| Can young people go out of the establishment without staff permission? | Supported accommodation | Care |
| Do young people have full control of their own finances? | Supported accommodation | Care |
| Do young people have control over what they wear and of the resources to buy clothes? | Supported accommodation | Care |
| Are young people in charge of meeting all of their health needs, including such things as arranging GP or specialist health care appointments? Are young people in full control of their medication? | Supported accommodation (note that young people may ask for advice and help on their health, but if decisions rest with the young person, the establishment is not providing care.) | Care |
| Do staff have any access to any medical records? | Care | Supported accommodation |
| Can young people choose to stay away overnight? | Supported accommodation (note that being expected to tell someone if they are going to be away overnight does not indicate providing care, but needing to ask someone’s permission does.) | Care |

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| Is there a sanctions policy that goes beyond house rules and legal sanctions that would be imposed on any adult? | Care | Supported accommodation |
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