

## **Managing Placements in Residential** **Briefing for Managers**

We want to ensure that we have the right children and young people placed in our residential homes so we can meet their needs accordingly and for children and young people to make progress and achieve. There are times where there are pressures to take children and young people who may not be a match to your home for various reasons. We want to support you to have the autonomy as a Registered Manager to make these decisions and to feel supported about your decision.

If you have decided to not offer a placement (after matching) and the child or young person has subsequently been placed without your agreement this will need to be escalated to the Responsible Individual and they will escalate the disagreement to the Head of Service for Children in Care and Care Leavers. This needs to be raised at the earliest opportunity.

Registered managers are expected to complete a matching document that is clear, factual, and detailed about why we are not offering a placement. This will provide the Responsible Individual with the information to support the decision.

Registered Managers are required to keep the home's Statement Of Purpose up to date and to disseminate this to the Placements Team and Emergency Duty Service (EDS) to ensure services are fully aware of the remit of the Registered Children's homes.

All managers are expected to keep a log of placements that have been accepted or declined. Detail is required about the reasons as to why a placement has been declined. A copy of the matching risk assessment will need to be referred to as supporting evidence.