Dear Jennifer,

Re: 2025/91309- Change of use from barbers shop/dwelling to childrens care home (C2) with loft conversion at 15A Newsome Road, Newsome, Huddersfield, HD4 6NX

Thank you for your request for consultation. I have reviewed the application and supporting documentation available via the Planning Portal.

I have no concerns in relation to staffing ratio or management plan supplied.

I note the remarks in relation to thumbturn locks at the property and buzzers on exit doors to alert staff to anyone leaving during the night.
Can the applicant be advised to also install window restrictors or lockable hardware on non-accessible windows (above ground floor) in the interest of child safety.
Ground floor windows should be designed to prevent children from climbing out and potentially leaving the property unnoticed.
In relation to drawing 25/4019/AS1, I note that glazing in critical locations is to be toughened. Secured by Design Residential Guide 2025 advises using laminated glass certified to BS EN 356:2000 Class P1A or above in the following areas:

- easily accessible glazing (easily accessible is defined as: a window or doorset, any part of which is within 2 metres vertically of an accessible level surface such as a ground or basement level, or an access balcony, or a window within 2 metres vertically of a flat roof or sloping roof- with a pitch of less than 30°- that is within 3.5 metres of ground level)
- any window located within 400mm of a doorset (to ensure the integrity of the locking system)
- easily accessible emergency egress windows with non-lockable hardware (a requirement of PAS 24)
  Alternatively, if the window is tested and accredited to LPS 2081, LPS 1175 or LPS 1673, it must be supplied complete with the glass approved (see LPS certification documentation) for use within that window.
- easily accessible roof lights and roof lanterns with non-lockable hardware
- any glazing within PAS 24 or STS 201 certified doorsets, including glazed panels/ windows adjacent to doors installed within an integral door frame; this is not necessary for doorsets certified to LPS 2081, STS 222, LPS 1175, STS 202 or LPS 1673 as glazing security requirements are significantly more stringent within these standards.

West Yorkshire Police have no objection to this application.

Kind regards,

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