

**Application number: 2025/92852**

**Address:**

7 Highfield Court, Soothill, Batley, West Yorkshire WF17 6HR

**Description of development:**

Use of dwelling house (C3b) as supported accommodation for up to three young people aged 16–18 years (care leavers / looked-after children) with staff support on a 24-hour basis.

**· How many children would be accommodated?**

Up to three (3) young people aged 16–18 years at any one time.

**· What is the ratio of staff to children that is required?**

A minimum ratio of 1:1 will be maintained during the day, with one staff member on duty during daytime hours and one sleep-in staff overnight. The Registered Manager works 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on weekdays to provide management oversight and supervision.

**· What is the likely level of need of the children accommodated, i.e. is there a focus on complex needs?**

Young people placed will present low to medium needs requiring support with independence, emotional regulation, and daily-living skills. No personal care or complex medical interventions will be provided.

**· What is the likely shift pattern of staff, i.e. how many staff (management and care staff) would likely be at the premises at any one time and when would shift changes occur?**

Day Shift: 08:00–20:00 (2 Support Workers)

Night Shift: 20:00–08:00 (1 Sleep Night Staff)

Registered Manager: 09:00–17:00 (Mon–Fri)

Handover takes place at 08:00 and 20:00.

**· What support officers would be likely to visit the property?**

Visits will include social workers, personal advisers, key workers, independent reviewing officers, education mentors, and health professionals as required.

**· How would visits be scheduled and would staff/support-worker meetings take place at the property?**

Visits are pre-arranged in collaboration with staff and the placing authority. Staff handovers, key-work sessions, and supervision meetings take place within the office room at the property.

**· Would therapeutic care be offered on site?**

No formal therapeutic treatment is provided on-site.

**· Would case reviews take place on or off site?**

Case reviews are normally held off-site (e.g. local authority offices), though small review or professionals' meetings may take place at the home when appropriate.

**· Are friends and relatives of residents able to visit at any time?**

Visits are encouraged with prior agreement from the placing authority and in line with each young person's placement plan and risk assessment.

**· Will the property be OFSTED registered?**

Yes. The property is undergoing Ofsted registration as a Supported Accommodation Provider under the Supported Accommodation (England) Regulations 2023.

**· Are children ever left alone at the property?**

No. The home is staffed 24 hours a day, including a Sleep-night staff. Young people are never left without adult supervision.

**· Under what circumstances are children allowed to leave the property?**

Young people may leave for education, training, employment, appointments, or approved leisure in line with their risk assessments and independence plans.

**· Would staff members be informed/aware if a child left the property?**

Yes. All departures are logged in the daily record, and staff maintain contact via mobile phone. Any unplanned absence triggers the Missing from Home protocol in line with local authority safeguarding procedures.

**· Is there a curfew?**

No. There is no formal curfew in place, as the young people are supported to develop independence and make responsible decisions about their routines. Staff maintain open communication and monitor their safety in line with each young person's support and risk plan.

**· What would happen in the event of a breach of curfew?**

If the young people do not return home as expected, staff follow the Missing-from-Home protocol, notify the on-call manager and local authority Emergency Duty Team (EDT), record the incident, and support the young person's safe return..

**· What security provisions are proposed, e.g. security and access controls on doors?**

There will be 24/7 staff presence to monitor all movements in and out of the property, along with visitor signing-in/out procedures, automatic fire alarms, and regular health & safety and environmental checks to ensure a safe living environment.

**· Would CCTV be installed?**

Yes. External CCTV (front and rear entrances only) is installed for safeguarding and property security, not in private areas.

**· How would local residents know how to raise a concern in the event of an issue?**

A Neighbourhood Information Letter will be circulated providing Rostine Services Ltd contact details (phone and email). Concerns can be raised directly with the Registered Manager, and unresolved issues escalated to Ofsted or the Local Authority Commissioning Team.