

exemplary
residential
child care



Terms of Reference

Purpose

The Independent Children's Home Association (ICHA) has been invited to review the provision of children's residential care services by the State of Jersey Children's Services.

Team

The review will be completed by Liz Cooper DCEO of the ICHA with potential assistance and contributions from:

Liz Ambler: Chief Operating Officer at Nugent

Peter Sandiford: CEO at the ICHA

Timescale

The review will commence on 3rd August 2020 and will be completed by 30th September 2020.

Scope

- 1) A full review of the residential childcare facilities. To include but not be restricted to:
 - A review of the management and oversight of the homes
 - A review of the staffing within the homes
 - A review of the childcare provided by the homes and associated services
 - A review of documentation relating to all of the above
 - A review of the audit processes in place
 - Exploration of off-island placements
- 2) A Review of the child's journey through the residential care system. To include but not be restricted to:
 - The child's journey into care
 - The child's journey through care
 - Transitions into adulthood
- 3) An exploration of the governing and oversight bodies, and legislation in operation, that support and monitor the above.
- 4) A final report to be presented to interested parties (to be identified) at the conclusion of the review to include but not be limited to:
 - A narrative of findings
 - A rationale for findings
 - Options for change or otherwise.

Process

At the core of the review will be the children's experiences and opinions:

- This will be gathered through individual and (if appropriate) group meetings with children using the services, recent care leavers.
- Their views will be used to inform and shape any report and/or recommendations that will be generated by this review.
- Records will be used to inform the outcomes of the review. This will include but will not be restricted to Jersey Care Standards, care plans, review reports, children's feedback forms, minutes of meetings.

To further inform the review, I have requested meetings with:

- Heads of service
- Jersey's Care Commission
- Jersey's Children's Commissioner
- Jersey's Children's Rights Officer
- Jersey Cares
- CAMHS

This list should not be taken as exhaustive and other individuals will be approached if appropriate.