



STATEMENT OF PURPOSE POLICY

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1. Introduction to the Policy

This policy sets out the framework, principles, and procedures that **Byram House** follows to compile, maintain, review, and distribute its **Statement of Purpose** in compliance with the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015. The policy applies to the Registered Manager, Responsible Individual, and all staff who have a role in ensuring the Statement of Purpose remains accurate and is reflected in practice.

The Home is Byram House, which comprises the two residences at 62 Deighton Road and 66 Deighton Road. This policy applies equally across both residences.

In order to comply with the Children's Homes Regulations 2015, each children's home is required to have a Statement of Purpose. The Statement of Purpose is a clear, child-focused document that sets out the home's aims, ethos, accommodation, and how it meets the Quality Standards. It must be available to staff, children, placing authorities, parents, and Ofsted.

The objectives of this policy are to:

- Comply with **Regulation 16 (Statement of Purpose)** and **Schedule 1** of the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015.
- Ensure the Statement of Purpose is accurate, up-to-date, and reviewed at least annually (or more frequently if changes occur).
- Ensure the Statement of Purpose is distributed to all relevant parties and published on the home's website (where safe to do so).
- Ensure that all staff understand and can apply the Statement of Purpose in their daily practice.
- Link the Statement of Purpose to other key documents (Children's Guide, Location Risk Assessment, Workforce Development Plan).

2. How this Policy Benefits the Home

This Statement of Purpose Policy benefits Byram House in the following ways:

- **Legal Compliance** – It ensures the home meets its duties under **Regulations 6, 13, 16, and Schedule 1** of the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015, and aligns with the **Social Care Common Inspection Framework (SCCIF) 2026**.
- **Clarity for Staff and Children** – It provides a clear framework for drafting and maintaining the Statement of Purpose, ensuring that everyone understands the home's aims, ethos, and approach to care.
- **Inspection Readiness** – Ofsted inspectors will review the Statement of Purpose as part of the inspection. This policy ensures it is kept up-to-date and readily available.
- **Transparency** – It ensures that placing authorities, parents, and children can access the Statement of Purpose, enabling informed decisions about placements (including emergency admissions).
- **Accountability** – It defines the roles and responsibilities of the Registered Manager, Responsible Individual, and staff in maintaining and implementing the Statement of Purpose.
- **Training Framework** – It requires that staff are familiar with the Statement of Purpose during induction and supervision.

3. Definitions & Legislation

3.1 Definitions

Term	Definition
Home	Byram House, the children's home registered with Ofsted, comprising two residences at 62 Deighton Road and 66 Deighton Road.

Company	IMS Care LTD, the registered provider and legal entity responsible for operating Byram House.
Byram House	The name used throughout this policy to refer to the home and its staff.
Statement of Purpose	The document required by Regulation 16 and Schedule 1 of the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015, setting out the home's aims, ethos, accommodation, and approach to care.
Children's Guide	A child-friendly version of the Statement of Purpose (or a separate guide) that explains the home to children in accessible language.
Schedule 1	The schedule to the Regulations that lists the matters that must be included in the Statement of Purpose.
Quality Standards	Standards 5–14 of the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015, covering care planning, health, education, positive relationships, safeguarding, etc.
Location Risk Assessment	An assessment of the risks and opportunities presented by the home's location (e.g., proximity to transport, community resources).
Workforce Development Plan	A document outlining staff qualifications, training, and development needs.

3.2 Key Legislation and Statutory Guidance (presented in a table)

Legislation / Guidance	Key Provisions	Relevance to this Policy
Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 – Regulation 16	Requires the Registered Manager to compile a Statement of Purpose covering matters in Schedule 1; keep it under review; notify Ofsted of	This policy operationalises Regulation 16.

	revisions within 28 days; make it available to specified persons.	
Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 – Regulation 6	The Quality and Purpose of Care Standard – children receive care from staff who understand the home's overall aims and outcomes.	The Statement of Purpose sets out those aims.
Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 – Regulation 13	The Registered Manager must lead the home in a way consistent with the Statement of Purpose.	Managers must ensure practice aligns with the Statement of Purpose.
Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 – Regulation 46	Review of premises – does not override compliance with the Statement of Purpose.	Clarifies that the Statement of Purpose takes precedence.
Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 – Schedule 1	Lists the mandatory content of the Statement of Purpose (ethos, accommodation, arrangements for education, health, contact, complaints, behaviour support, etc.).	This policy incorporates Schedule 1 requirements.
Social Care Common Inspection Framework (SCCIF) for Children's Homes 2026	Inspects whether the home's Statement of Purpose is accurate and reflected in practice.	Inspectors will review the Statement of Purpose and its implementation.
Data Protection Act 2018 & UK GDPR	Protects personal data (e.g., home addresses of staff not published).	The home omits personal addresses from the published Statement of Purpose.

4. The Policy

4.1 Policy Statement and Legal Framework

Byram House will maintain a **Statement of Purpose** that complies fully with Regulation 16 and Schedule 1 of the Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015. The Statement of Purpose is a child-focused document that indicates how the home provides individualised care to meet the Quality Standards for the children in its care.

The Registered Manager is responsible for compiling, maintaining, and keeping the Statement of Purpose under review. The Statement of Purpose must be:

- **Clear and accessible** to staff, children, placing authorities, parents, and Ofsted.
- **Consistent** with the home's policies, procedures, and day-to-day practice.
- **Reviewed at least annually** (or more frequently if significant changes occur).
- **Revised and sent to Ofsted** within 28 days of any revision.

The Statement of Purpose is supported by the **Children's Guide** (a child-friendly version), the **Location Risk Assessment**, and the **Workforce Development Plan**.

4.2 Matters to be Included in the Statement of Purpose (Schedule 1)

The Statement of Purpose must contain the following information (as set out in Schedule 1 of the Regulations). The Registered Manager will ensure that each of these areas is addressed:

Section	Required Content
Range of needs	A statement of the range of needs of children for whom the home is intended to provide care and accommodation.
Ethos and outcomes	Details of the home's ethos, the outcomes it seeks to achieve, and its approach to achieving them.
Accommodation	Description of accommodation (how adapted to needs, age range, number and sex of children, type of accommodation, sleeping accommodation).
Location	Description of the location of the home (including the fact that it comprises 62 and 66 Deighton Road).
Cultural, linguistic and religious needs	Arrangements for supporting children's cultural, linguistic, and religious needs.
Complaints	Details of who to contact if a person has a complaint, and how to access the Complaints Policy.
Access to policies	How a person or organisation can access the home's Child Protection Policies and Behaviour Support Policy.
Views and wishes	Description of the home's policy and approach to consulting children about the quality of their care.
Anti-discrimination and rights	Description of the home's policy and approach to anti-discriminatory practice and children's rights.
Education	Details of provision to support children with SEN; if registered as a school, curriculum details; if not, arrangements for local school attendance and promoting educational achievement.

Enjoyment and achievement	Arrangements for enabling children to take part in activities that meet their needs and develop creative, intellectual, physical, and social interests.
Health	Details of any healthcare or therapy provided, including qualifications of staff, supervision, and how effectiveness is measured.
Positive relationships	Arrangements for promoting contact between children and their families and friends.
Monitoring and surveillance	Description of the home's approach to monitoring and surveillance of children (e.g., door chimes, CCTV – in line with the CCTV and Security Policy).
Behaviour support	Details of the home's approach to behavioural support, including restraint (positive behaviour support, RPI), how staff are trained, and how competence is assessed.
Leadership and management	Names and work addresses (not home addresses) of registered provider, responsible individual, and registered manager.
Staff qualifications and experience	Details of the experience and qualifications of adults (referenced to the Workforce Development Plan for GDPR purposes).
Management structure	Details of the management and staff structure, including arrangements for professional supervision (referenced to Workforce Development Plan).
Gender balance of staff	If all staff (or mainly) of one sex, a description of how the home promotes appropriate role models of both sexes.
Admission criteria	Any criteria used for admission of children, including policies and procedures for emergency admission.

The Statement of Purpose must be written in **plain English** and, where appropriate, made available in child-friendly formats.

4.3 Drafting and Compiling the Statement of Purpose

The Registered Manager is responsible for drafting the Statement of Purpose. The document must:

- Be consistent with the home's **Statement of Purpose Policy** and the **Children's Guide**.
- Reflect the actual operation of the home (not aspirational).
- Be approved by the **Responsible Individual** before submission to Ofsted.
- Be reviewed to ensure that no personal data (e.g., home addresses of staff) is included in the published version (GDPR compliance).

The Registered Manager may consult with staff, children, and placing authorities when drafting or revising the Statement of Purpose.

4.4 Review and Revision (Annual and 6-Monthly)

The Statement of Purpose must be kept under review. The Registered Manager will:

- Conduct a **full review** of the Statement of Purpose **at least annually** (linked to the Regulation 45 quality review of the home).
- Conduct a **6-monthly interim review** (or as needed) to ensure accuracy.
- Review immediately if there is a **significant change** to the home (e.g., change of manager, change in accommodation, change in age range or sex of children accommodated, change in admission criteria, or after a serious incident).
- Coordinate the review with the **Responsible Individual**.
- Send any revised Statement of Purpose to Ofsted **within 28 days** of the revision (by email or via the Ofsted portal).
- Retain a copy of the current Statement of Purpose on **Clear Care** and in a visible location within the home.

The review process must also include a review of the **Location Risk Assessment** (re-published with up-to-date information from local networks).

4.5 Distribution and Availability

The Registered Manager must ensure that a copy of the Statement of Purpose is available upon request to:

- Any person who works at the home.
- Any child or young person living in (or being considered for) the home.
- Any parent of a child in (or being considered for) the home.
- The child's placing authority.
- In the case of a qualifying school, the Secretary of State.

In addition, the Registered Manager must provide a copy of the Statement of Purpose to **Ofsted** (on initial registration and after any revision).

A copy of the Statement of Purpose must be kept on the home's **Clear Care** system and in the home's office. Staff must know where it is located and be familiar with its contents.

4.6 Publication on Website

If the home has a website, the Registered Manager must ensure that a copy of the Statement of Purpose is published on that website **unless** publication would prejudice the welfare of children in the home. The decision not to publish (or to redact certain information) must be documented and justified.

If published, the website version must be the **current, approved** version. Home addresses of staff must be omitted (work addresses only).

4.7 Consistency of Practice with the Statement of Purpose

The Registered Manager must ensure that the home is at all times conducted in a manner **consistent with its Statement of Purpose**. This means that:

- Staff must be familiar with the Statement of Purpose and able to explain it.
- The home's admission decisions must align with the stated range of needs and admission criteria.
- The home's approach to behaviour support, health, education, contact, and complaints must reflect what is stated.
- Any significant deviation from the Statement of Purpose must be reviewed and the Statement revised if necessary.

Emergency admissions must not be taken unless the home's Statement of Purpose and its capacity and support systems mean that it has the capability to care for children admitted at very short notice, while continuing to offer high-quality care to existing children.

4.8 Relationship with Other Documents

The Statement of Purpose is supported by:

- **Children's Guide** – A child-friendly version (or separate guide) explaining the home in accessible language, given to each child on admission.
- **Location Risk Assessment** – Reviewed annually (or when changes occur) and referenced in the Statement of Purpose.
- **Workforce Development Plan** – Contains detailed information on staff qualifications and training (referenced in the Statement of Purpose to avoid excessive personal data).

The Registered Manager will ensure these documents are kept up-to-date and consistent with the Statement of Purpose.

5. How the Home Trains its Staff About this Policy

Byram House provides structured training to ensure all staff understand and can implement this Statement of Purpose Policy effectively.

Training Element	Frequency	Method / Content
Induction	Upon appointment	Face-to-face training covering: the legal requirement for a Statement of Purpose (Regulation 16, Schedule 1), the content of the home's Statement of Purpose, the link to the Children's Guide, the role of the Registered Manager in reviewing and revising, distribution requirements, publication on website, and the dual-site operation (62 & 66 Deighton Road).
Annual refresher	Every 12 months	Classroom or virtual session covering any revisions to the Statement of Purpose, updates to legislation (SCCIF 2026), and refresher on staff responsibilities to practice consistently.
Management training	As needed (for managers)	Training on drafting, reviewing, and revising the Statement of Purpose, handling Ofsted notifications, and ensuring consistency between the Statement of Purpose and practice.

Staff are required to:

- Read and sign this policy annually.
- Familiarise themselves with the current Statement of Purpose (and Children's Guide).
- Practice consistently with the Statement of Purpose.
- Report any inconsistencies or required changes to the Registered Manager.

6. Related Policies and Guidance

- Children's Guide (separate document)
- Location Risk Assessment
- Workforce Development Plan
- Complaints Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Behaviour Support Policy
- CCTV and Security Policy (monitoring and surveillance)
- Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 (Regulations 6, 13, 16, 46, Schedule 1)
- Social Care Common Inspection Framework (SCCIF) for Children's Homes 2026
- Data Protection Act 2018 & UK GDPR

7. Policy Approval and Review Details



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