Service Specification – SH (665828)

Open Advert Project Number – (PO to complete)

**For young person who requires a OFSTED registered solo Children’s Home.**

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| **Age** | 15 |
| **Gender** | Female |
| **Current Placement Type** | Unregistered arrangement with 2:1 staffing. Always one female never two males. |
| **Geographical location required** | National – England, Scotland and Wales considered. |
| **Needs and presentation** | SH can present as a quiet young person when you first meet her but once she gets to know you, she can present as a bubbly, funny, sarcastic young person. SH tends to speak more to professionals who are women but is slowly getting more comfortable with male professionals. SH is such a caring and loving young lady.  SH has long dark black dyed hair with beautiful blue eyes. SH does not wear makeup. Although SH likes to wear fake tan and normally has long acrylic nails on. SH often wears jeans/leggings, hoodies, and trainers. SH has an EHCP has a diagnoses of autism. SH does show a lot of traits of autism, but it is also useful to understand some of the traumas, SH has experienced within her lifetime. SH needs those she is with to have knowledge of working with trauma response behaviours and autism.  SH has a great relationship with her mum who she calls regularly. SH also speaks and see’s her auntie and grandmother regularly.  We know that when SH becomes dysregulated, she can get upset and become frustrated. SH can push staff and throw stuff when she feels heightened or uncomfortable. SH can calm down with the right response and this often requires patience and understanding. SH is able to reflect afterwards as to why she responds to things how she did. SH likes to feel heard by staff and needs nurturing.  If SH is struggling, she will reach out to those around her for support. For example, SH will use her phone to message staff and tell them if she is struggling. SH will text staff or professionals to inform them of her location and often will want them to come and see her to calm her down.  SH benefits from routine and having a plan in place. SH likes to plan out her week and know exactly what is happening. This will likely help SH to feel calm and regulated.  If SH is in crisis use distraction techniques that works for SH.  To help SH she will speak to people who she trusts or contact a helpline for support.  If SH is saying she is going to harm herself or staff feel she is unsafe and at risk, staff will have to intervene to keep SH safe.  SH has a warm, kind, and caring side to her, and this shows when working with her. SH has a great interest in animals but more so horses if SH could go riding every day then she would SH is real natural at horse riding. We know that this can help her to regulate her emotions, and this helps her to feel calm. SH loves to visit theme parks and go on rides. SH has a love for Tik Tok and Netflix.  SH requires a home where she can work alongside people who have patience, compassion, and caring side. SH needs staff to work with her and be reasonable with her when she is having a bad time although, they need to be firm but fair and always kind. Staff would need to understand SH mental health and her behaviours. We know when SH becomes heightened, she often requires her own space and staff to support her when she is ready. SH will often like a cuddle with a staff member once she is regulating her emotions.  SH would like a spacious home with nots lots of noise unless she is choosing the noise.  SH has created her own safety plan and support plan with professionals to allow us to understand what SH feels she needs in them difficult moments.  SH was attending school full time which she was really enjoying, and SH shared that she was really enjoying school however, sadly they felt they could not meet her needs due to SH assaulting staff in times when she was struggling with regulating her emotions and feelings. Meanwhile, we will be looking to gain her a better school provider so she can continue to enjoy school safety. |

**What we require:**

* To open a discussion with providers about a solo, Ofsted registered Children’s Home provision in County Durham or in the surrounding area within the Northeast of England to meet the specific needs of an identified young person.
* A provider will already have a registered children’s home with a highly experienced Registered Manager and be able to provide a solo provision.
* Providers that have well established knowledge and experience of working with children with complex needs and within Ofsted and CQC’s Regulatory Frameworks.
* Providers that have a track record of achieving positive outcomes for children / young people and who provide consistent good quality care and who demonstrate stickability.

**Environmental Considerations:**

* A good size outdoor space, ideally a garden area.
* Links to local routes.
* The environment needs to be calm, minimally furnished and not overstimulating.
* Some areas of the house need to be made secure for the storage of sharps and other objects that the child can cause harm to themselves or others.
* Separate room for staff to go to when the young person needs less stimulations or more space.
* A breakout room or low stimulation space would be needed.

**Rural/Urban Location:**

* This young person would benefit more so from a rural location to allow some freedom in movement, but with realistic distances to amenities and entertainment. This young person can become quite heightened when in social situations and out in busy communities and therefore a quieter home where he can be taken away from busy/social situations would be most beneficial.
* Careful consideration needs to be given to how rural a home could be as not to isolate the young person too much.
* Urban opportunities need to be planned carefully and antecedents/triggers mitigated as much as possible. This needs a positive risk-taking approach and reflective approach to risk events.

**Single tenancy or share with others:**

* This young person would need to be in bespoke single occupancy accommodation.

**Noise Issues and the impact on neighbours:**

**Technology:**

**Current level of support including night (staff to complete daily support needs timetable):**

* **To be discussed as part of care planning and transition into the home**

**Transport:**

* **Accessible transport links taking into account the needs of the child**
* **Far enough away from direct transport links such as train stations, bus stations and links that could pose a risk to child**

**Staff Specification:**

* **Provider to have staff trained to a minimum level 3 qualification in children and young peoples service**
* **Evidence of ongoing staff training including Safeguarding, basic mental health awareness, trauma informed**

**Staff Training**

**We would like to see evidence of the model of care you would provide (e.g. PACE, Therapeutic, Trauma informed)**

**What we will offer as a Local Authority:**

* Tailored multi-agency planning about additional support and resources that can be offered in line with the needs of the young person.
* SOP, Locality Risk Assessment, latest Ofsted report, last 3 reg 44 reports, cost breakdown, potential start date and completion of our business questionnaire.
* A dedicated point of contact.
* Access to an advocacy and independent visitor service.

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