



## COVID-19 Statement

We are still providing consistent quality care to the young people in our homes during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Please refer young people using the same methods of communication. To our referrals email [info@semi-independent-house.co.uk](mailto:info@semi-independent-house.co.uk) or Company Director Collins Usada on [collins@semi-independent-house.co.uk](mailto:collins@semi-independent-house.co.uk)

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We are adhering and taking the necessary advice from the Government and Ofsted's guidelines for Childrens Homes during the coronavirus pandemic. Due to this each home has specific risk assessments completed bespoke to the area and presenting needs.

The residential care staff are required to adhere to safe and advised hygiene routines. The young people and staff are utilising the gardens of the homes, local areas for exercise and working with the placing authorities where needed. Working together is vitally important during these unprecedented times. We have also introduced the Track and Trace system in the homes to help manage any spread of infection and all visitors are required to use hand provided with a face mask.

From March 2020 we had temporarily stopped face to face training and Regulation 44 home visits. However, all staff were able to access a variety of online learning and Diploma support to ensure continued professional development. Regulation 44 visits were completed via Zoom and reports presented to Ofsted.

We then assessed the situation at the beginning of August 2020 and September 2020 and resumed all face to face training and Regulation 44 visits to the homes with social distancing measures in place. Our Regulation 44 inspector has started to visit the homes this September 2020 and will produce detailed reports. The visits have been adapted and the time spent in each



## Bridging the Gap

home will be reduced. Information for the Regulation 44 visitor is accessed through our Clear Care system.

We will continue to follow government guidelines regarding social distancing and implement those guidelines immediately within our homes.

Kind Regards

Collins Usada

Director

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