



Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to introduce myself and to provide you with some general information about our organisation, including our intended plans for the property at St Nicholas Vicarage, Boldon Colliery.

Ar Cúram, has applied to South Tyneside Planning Department, for a change of use class from C3 (residential dwelling home) to C2 (residential home). The planning application forms the initial stage of our plan to complete Ofsted's registration procedure for a new Children's Home specifically designed with a therapeutic ethos.

Our Service

Ar Cúram, is a small independent company who look after and support vulnerable children and young people. We currently have seven residential houses in Eaglescliffe, Thornaby, Elmtree, Redcar, New Marske, South Shields and Kilmarnock. All houses are designed to an extremely high standard and have been successful in delivering exceptional outcomes for the children and young people that we care for and support.

Our houses are registered with Ofsted for two / four / five children however, we do not always have that number in residence at any one time. Our referral and selection processes are extremely robust and we would like to assure you that we will have excellent management teams who will always give due consideration to our neighbours and their peace of mind.

The children that we look after may have experienced neglect, trauma, abuse, exploitation or other forms of harm. These harmful experiences may have had an impact on the child therefore, we support children by making them feel valued, by showing them that we care for them, by helping them to build resilience in adversity and by demonstrating new coping strategies in order to manage any future disappointments they may face in life.

Our skilled practitioners are committed to offering support and opportunities for personal development to each child or young person, in an environment that is suitable to meet their assessed needs. We work very closely with other agencies and professionals, including schools, colleges, GPs, community nurses and consultants. This means that all professionals involved in a young person's life take a consistent approach in the continuity of their care.

As an organisation, we recognise that we are accountable for the well-being of the young people who may live at St Nicholas Vicarage therefore, the practitioners in our houses are trained in reforming young people's behaviour by applying behaviour management methodology and theory.

The maximum number of children that will be supported at St Nicholas Vicarage, will be five but it is not necessarily the case that there will always be five children living in the house; this will be dependent on the specific needs of the children based on a comprehensive assessment.

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We understand that a residential house may have a greater number of people coming and going on a daily basis. We therefore aim to minimise this by encouraging professionals to make the necessary arrangements to meet with adults and young people elsewhere, whenever it is appropriate.

The number of staff members on duty will be no more than four (this may increase for a period of one hour during a staff changeover).

We will have seventeen FTE staff members within the team who will work on a rotational basis covering a designated shift pattern e.g.

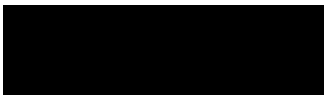
Day	07.30 – 21.00
Night	20.00 – 07.30

Please contact me if you require further information. I will be more than happy to speak with you over the phone or meet in person to answer any questions or concerns you may have regarding our proposal.

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