

# Regulation 44 visits in Bolton



## What is it and why do we have it?

**All children's residential homes have to abide by legislation and regulation. The Children's Homes Regulations (England) 2015 sets out how we are required to review, monitor and manage our children's homes and more importantly how we care for our children and young people to a high standard ensuring that they reach, and where possible exceed, their potential.**

### What does the law say about it?

One of the regulations is Regulation 44 and this is within Part 6 of the monitoring and reviewing children's homes section. Regulation 44 visits must be undertaken by an independent person. The regulations state that "an independent person must visit the home on a monthly basis to carry out an inspection of the home". Following the inspection, which includes discussions with the young people, families and other professionals, a report is produced and sent to Ofsted following the comments of the Registered Manager and responsible individual.

### What do we have in Bolton?

Bolton has an independent person to undertake all visits in Children's homes in the borough. Whilst visiting the homes the visitor will look at young people's files and conduct interviews with professionals. They will meet and talk to young people living at the home to ascertain their views, comments and any complaints about the running of the home. The visitor provides an independent oversight of the running of the home and is seen as a supportive and critical tool for the Registered Managers and the staff to analyse their practice.

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