



Welcome to the Supported Accommodation Sector Awareness and Provider Preparedness Newsletter.

Inside this edition, you can find our programme of activity for January – March 2024

Best wishes,  
The NCB Team

## **Programme of Activity January - March 2024**



Since April 2023, the National Children's Bureau has been working with providers and local authorities offering supported accommodation for looked after children and care leavers aged 16 and 17 to ensure they are able to register with Ofsted and implement mandatory national quality standards.

Through our sector awareness and provider preparedness programme, we published a series of 12 resources, delivered over 40 events, reaching over 1000 providers and 120

local authorities.

Following the closure of the registration window for existing supported accommodation providers in October 2023, we have been developing a programme of activity focused on ensuring that supported accommodation providers and local authorities engage with every stage of the Ofsted registration process and inspection regime, as well as enabling providers to implement the national quality standards.

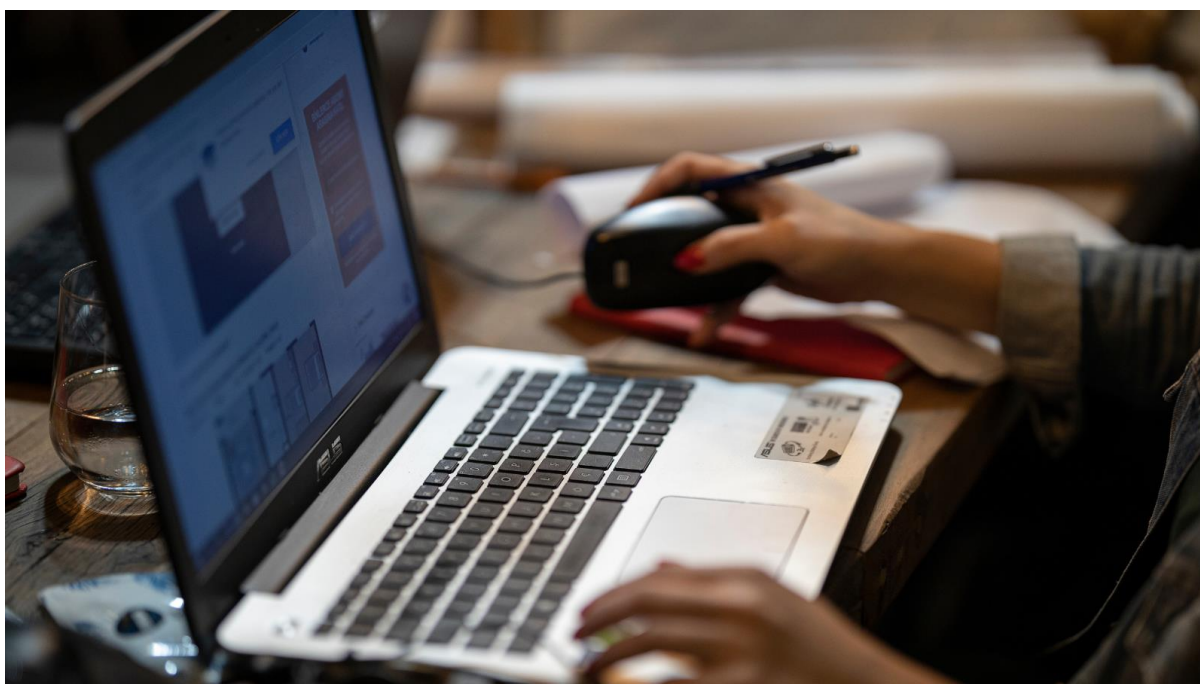
To sign-up to our events, please visit our [Digital Learning Platform](#).

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If you have any questions, please contact us at [sapp@ncb.org.uk](mailto:sapp@ncb.org.uk)

## **Save the dates** **Events and Training January – March 2024**



All of our events are virtual via our [Digital Learning Platform](#), unless otherwise specified.

For events with sign-up links coming soon, [join our online community of practice](#) to be notified when they become available.

## Available now:

### [Working with unaccompanied asylum-seeking young people](#)

Delivered by Barnardo's, this one-day online session will provide staff with an understanding of their role and responsibilities in relation to safeguarding and supporting Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Young People.

9 sessions for Registered Service Managers – sign up [here](#)

2 sessions for local authorities registering as providers – sign up [here](#)

### [Safeguarding Workshop for Registered Persons and Registered Service Managers](#)

This workshop is for Registered Persons and Registered Service Managers to help them understand how their responsibilities for safeguarding are applied in practice within their own organisations. We will consider adding an additional event in March if there is demand.

Friday 26 January 10am – 1pm – **SOLD OUT**

Thursday 22 February 10am – 1pm - **SOLD OUT**

### [Workforce Plan Development Workshop](#)

This workshop is to support providers to understand the experience and skills required by staff and of the processes for recruitment, ongoing training and development, induction and probation.

Wednesday 24 January 1pm – 3.30PM - **SOLD OUT**

Thursday 22 February 1pm – 3pm – sign up [here](#)

### [Quality of Support Reviews Workshop](#)

This workshop is to help providers to effectively review the service that they are offering and the impact on the experiences and outcomes of young people.

Thursday 15 February 10am – 12pm – sign up [here](#)

Wednesday 13 March 10am – 12pm – sign up [here](#)

### [Trauma informed practice webinar series](#)

Delivered by our special membership groups, including the Anti-Bullying Alliance, the Childhood Bereavement Network and the Council for Disabled Children, each webinar will explore a key topic relating to the impact of trauma on children and young people, with an emphasis on what supported accommodation providers can do to support young people in their settings.

Attachment and Trauma – Thursday 7 March 1.30pm – 2.30pm – sign up [here](#)

Bullying and Trauma – Tuesday 12 March 11am – 12pm – sign up [here](#)

Bereavement and Trauma – Thursday 14 March 3pm – 4pm – sign up [here](#)

Special Educational Needs and Trauma – Tuesday 19 March 10am – 11am – sign up [here](#)

**Coming soon...**

**[Sector Awareness and Provider Preparedness Programme Face-to-Face Wrap-up Conference](#)**

As we look forward to the next phase of the reforms for the supported accommodation sector, NCB is hosting a series of conferences to reflect on the Sector Awareness and Provider Preparedness programme. The conferences will involve key notes speeches and several workshops for both providers and local authorities. Dates, locations and further details will be announced soon.

**Read all about it**  
**Resources Round-Up**



In case you missed any of our previous resources, and to make sure you do not miss out on upcoming resources, visit our [Resource Hub](#).

For resources with links coming soon, [join our online community of practice](#) to be notified when they become available.

**Available now:**

**[Information pack for providers and young people working with unaccompanied asylum-seeking young people](#)**

Professionals can use this pack to quickly review available support, signpost young

people, and identify specific tools and resources that may be helpful. We have also created a separate information pack for unaccompanied asylum-seeking young people.

View the resource [here](#)

### **[Registered Service Managers roles and responsibilities resource](#)**

We have developed an information pack about the key requirements of the different roles and responsibilities set out in the new Regulations and Guidance for Supported Accommodation.

View the resource [here](#)

### **[Policy Development resources](#)**

Our Policy Development resources aim to support providers in developing policies which meet the new Regulations and Quality Standards and enable them to register with Ofsted successfully.

View our resources [here](#)

### **[Case Study Learning Example: Sunderland – a local authority registering as a supported accommodation provider](#)**

Read the case study with Sharon Willis, Head of Service - Residential and Care Experienced Services in Sunderland who have successfully registered with Ofsted as a provider of supported accommodation under the new regime.

View the resource [here](#)

## **Coming soon...**

### **[Learning examples series](#)**

A series of learning examples which explore good practice for supported accommodation providers when supporting this cohort of young people. The series will include an output from a focus group with supported lodgings providers.

### **[RSM 'Day in the Life' Resource](#)**

A 'Day in the Life' case study series which explore what the daily role of the Registered Service Manager entails as part of their responsibilities under the new regulations.

### **[RSM Interview and Site Visits – Top 10 questions answered](#)**

NCB are working with Ofsted to develop a resource that aims to address the top 10 questions, concerns and comments submitted by providers about the site visit and RSM interview as part of the supported accommodation registration process.

### **[Quality of Support Reviews Resource](#)**



This resource aims to support providers to undertake effective reviews of their service.

### [Updated FAQs](#)

An updated version of our FAQ documents which will reference some of the key aspects of the Ofsted registration process following the closure of the registration window in October 2023.

### [Quality Assurance Framework Resource](#)

This resource is aligned with the new quality standards and details the main criteria local authorities should be assessing.

### [Quality Assurance Process Map](#)

This resource aims to outline both initial and ongoing processes local authorities can take when working with supported accommodation providers.

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