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Dear <<First Name>>,

We are pleased to be sharing with you this e-bulletin to raise awareness of key messages and updates at this stage of the registration window.

REMINDER: REGISTRATION WINDOW DEADLINE

To operate legally, registration applications must have been accepted by Ofsted as 'complete' by 28 October 2023. The rate of applications to register as providers of supported accommodation has been steadily increasing over the last few weeks – and we are encouraged by the number of applications that are now coming through.

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DBS UPDATE FROM OFSTED

Following feedback from providers who are are facing issues or delays with the DBS requirements for the application process, we are pleased to be able to share the latest update from Ofsted with you all. The information below outlines the temporary measure Ofsted are undertaking to assist supported accommodation providers to complete stage 1 of the application process.

Ofsted will accept a clear DBS certificate (enhanced with children's barred list check) that was issued within 12 months prior to an application, on condition that applicants apply for a new check through the [Ofsted DBS Application portal](#).

This is a temporary measure to assist existing supported accommodation providers in completing stage 1 of the application process.

Providers will need to email Ofsted with confirmation that they have made a new DBS application in order for us to move an application forward. This should be done without delay so that an application is not held up at stage 1 of the process. It is essential that providers send a copy of the new DBS application reference number to sc.suppacc@ofsted.gov.uk.

Ofsted also strongly recommend that providers subscribe to the DBS update service. In order for an application to progress to stage 3 and the registration visit, Ofsted will require providers to share a scanned copy of both sides of the new DBS certificate. Ofsted will let the

provider know about this when writing to them to say that stage 1 of their application is complete.

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PRACTICE FORUM**

Our online Community of Practice is a space for practitioners to come together to share ideas, best practice and support each other. We will also be using this space to share updates about our programme of activity, tools, and resources as they become available.

We have one forum for local authority commissioners, and one for providers.

To join, please email us at sapp@ncb.org.uk with your request and include your name, job title, name and address of your organisation.

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