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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.

## REGISTRATION WINDOW DEADLINE - FINAL WEEK

**This is the final week before the deadline of October 28th for existing supported accommodation providers to have an application accepted by Ofsted as 'complete'.**

**An application is considered 'complete' once the provider has reached the end of stage 1 of the registration process and the registration fee is paid.**

**This means the provider can continue to operate legally after the deadline.**

However, in order to become fully registered with Ofsted, providers will then need to progress through two further stages:

- **Stage 2**: Ofsted will undertake checks and references on each person who has submitted an SC2 form.
- **Stage 3**: Ofsted will carry out a site visit, interview with the Registered Service Manager and inform you if they have granted or refused your application.

You can view our [Timeline Resource](#) and [Registration Process Map](#) for more information.

## REMINDER - OFSTED'S KEY UPDATE

Ofsted strongly encourage any providers to submit their applications as a matter of urgency to allow for any delays. Ofsted often have to go back to providers about missing or incomplete information.

If providers have not submitted an application that has been accepted as 'complete' by 28 October, Ofsted will consider next steps on a case-by-case basis.

**Ofsted will place the needs of children and young people first as they do not want children to have to move unnecessarily. However, it's not within Ofsted's gift to waive regulatory requirements.**

READ THE FULL UPDATE FROM OFSTED HERE

## PROGRAMME ACTIVITY UPDATE

**The Sector Awareness and Provider Preparedness Programme, delivered by the National Children's Bureau, has reached 120 local authorities and over 1000 supported accommodation providers through our events, training and resources to raise sector awareness about the new requirements and help providers prepare for the new system of oversight**

**After the registration window deadline, the National Children's Bureau will continue to provide support to supported accommodation providers to enable them to complete the full Ofsted registration process.**

Details of the next phase of the programme will be announced soon. Stay signed up to this newsletter and join our [online community of practice](#) to keep up to date.

## KEY LEARNING FOR SUPPORTED LODGING PROVIDERS

This new resource explores the key learning for supported lodgings providers that the National Children's Bureau has gathered through our role as the provider for the Sector Awareness and Provider Preparedness programme in relation to the new quality standards, registration, and regulation regime. This included a roundtable attended by supported lodgings providers, as well as sector intelligence gathered through our national and regional events.

[VIEW THE RESOURCE HERE](#)

## KEY LINKS



### Resources

View all our free, readily available tools and resources on our [Resource Hub](#)



### eLearning

Complete our **eLearning** courses to improve confidence and develop knowledge relating to the Regulations, Quality Standards and the registration process



### Social Media

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