



**FOOTSTEPS
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To
[Local Authority Official]

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RE: Consultation on the proposal to relocate Footsteps Care at 170 Balgores Lane, Romford RM2 6BS to 519 Green Lanes, Good Mayes, IG3 1XL

Dear ,

We are consulting on the following proposal and seek your views:

- The relocation of the Children's Home at 170 Balgores Lane, Romford RM2 6BS to 519 Green Lanes, Good Mayes, IG3 1XL.

When will this happen?

It is proposed that the Children's Home would relocate between August and September 2018.

Rationale for the move

The current building at Balgores Lane is becoming increasingly difficult and costly to maintain due to its design and age and is out of step with the demands placed on the services. There is a need for more modern and spacious facilities for children with complex needs. The new premises will provide a new building, which will offer more modern spacious facilities for children and staff and would enable us to provide improved outcomes for children. Four of the five young people at the home will have reached age 18 by the time of the proposed move and will be transitioning into young adults services.

Would the provision change?

Should the proposal go ahead, the current staff team will transfer from Balgores Lane to Good Mayes. The type of service will remain the same. There will however be increased capacity from 6 to 8 beds. The services will be registered with Ofsted and the current manager will remain the same. A new Statement of Purpose, Location Risk Assessment and Ofsted Registration Certificate will ensue in line with current regulations.

Have your say

You have until 31st May 2018 to let us know your views. The easiest way you can do this is by completing the online response form on our website at



www.footstepscare.net/consultations. You can tell us what you think about the proposal and leave comments. Alternatively, you can send comments via email to relocation@footstepscare.net

The following timetable outlines the decision-making process.

Process	Date
Consultation with Local Authorities, parents, staff, other stakeholders, Children and Young People.	1 st May to 31 st May 2018
Application to Register the New Service with Ofsted (maximum time to register is 12 weeks).	11 th June 2018
Hand over of the new building by developers to the Footsteps Group.	2nd July 2018
Visits to the new location by Authorities, parents, staff, other stakeholders, Children and Young People.	9 th to 20 th July 2018
Further comments and observations processed, and final configurations and adjustments made.	23 rd to 27 th July
Planned relocation of Children and staff on Registration with Ofsted.	Date to be advised (depending on Ofsted registration date)
De-registration of the premises and services at Balgores Lane, RM2 6BS.	Date to be advised (depending on Ofsted registration date)

Yours sincerely



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