

CCoM: Children Caring on the Move

Interview schedule for WP3 – (semi)independent accommodation managers

Thank you again for agreeing to do the interview.

Reconfirm consent + right to withdraw / not answer.

Throughout this interview, I'm going to use the term separated child migrants. We use the term separated child migrants to acknowledge that children and young people may be migrating without parents, but they may be cared for by family members, even at a distance, and they may choose to seek asylum or not to seek asylum. You may be more familiar with the terms Unaccompanied Minor or UASC/Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Child.

Accommodation provision

1. Can you tell me about the accommodation your organisation provides for separated child migrants and the nature of your involvement with it?

Prompts:

- ☐ *type of accommodation, (e.g., semi-independent, independent, supported, residential)*
- ☐ *quantity of sites and spaces*
- ☐ *location e.g., LA*
- ☐ *size (small houses, larger facilities,)*
- ☐ *who stays in the accommodation e.g., only UASC? countries of origin?*
- ☐ *number of staff (total and in each site)*
- ☐ *type of staff e.g, organisational structure, amount of time n*
- ☐ *What else do you provide for the young people in your accommodation*
- ☐ *on your website, you mention xxx[services] . could you say a bit more about this. Do you do this at the accommodation?*
- ☐ *other services*
- ☐ *your philosophy [on your website, you mention xxx . could you say a bit more about this]*
- ☐ *Background and role*
- ☐ *Reason for joining*

2. Do xx [name of organization] own property or rent in order to provide semi-independent accommodation?

3. **As the manager of the accommodation, how much independence do you have in making decisions and policies? How involved are the directors/shareholders in policymaking and practice?**

[Prompts: do they have any expectation around quality, resource allocation?]

Provider's background

4. Has **xx's [name of organization]** ways of managing semi-independent accommodations **changed over time?** For example: have they scaled up their supported accommodation services or started offering other services for children in care?
5. **If it is alright, would you be able to say a little bit about the business model of xx [name of organization] and where the accommodation fits into this?** (prompt: do xxx have any other businesses like children's services, social care etc.; Is the accommodation business connected to any of these)

Process with the councils

6. **Is your organization involved in any supported accommodation framework agreement or do you receive placements through spot purchasing or some other method? Which of these placement methods is most suitable for you and why? What helps xxx [name of organization] get these placements?** [prompts: cost, location, pre-existing relationship, additional services, promotional materials, etc]
7. **What services does the council/trust contract you to provide?** [what are the services councils paying for? what elements are negotiated for spot purchasing]
8. **We hear a lot about cuts to council's budgets. Are the payments they provide adequate? Has this changed over time eg. due to austerity? How do you overcome any such financial challenges to run a viable business?**
9. **Do you find this to be a competitive field? What sets you apart from any other competitors?**

Care

10. **A core aspect of our research is about the care of separated child migrants. Care can mean different things to different people. How would you define care?**

Closing

Is there anything more on this topic you would like to add or ask me about?

Thank you for taking the time to talk with me today.